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(Evangelisch und Reformiert)

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Beschlüsse und Verhandlungen der Synode des Nordwestens

Artikel I.

Die Synode des Nordwestens der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten versammelte sich zu ihrer 71. Jahresversammlung in dem Missionshaus, R. 3, Plymouth, Wisconsin, vom 24. bis zum 29. August 1937.

Die Jahressitzung wurde eröffnet mit einem Gottesdienst am Dienstag, dem 24. August 1937, abends um ½8 Uhr in der Andachtshalle des Missionshauses, wobei der Präsident, Pastor K. J. Stuebbe, D.D., die Predigt hielt über Jes. 62, 6–7. Der Vizepräsident, Pastor F. W. Knatz, hatte den liturgischen Teil in Händen. Der Präsident des Missionshauses, Prof. Paul Grosshüsch, D.D., wies nach der Anrufung auf das 75jährige Bestehen des Missionshauses hin und hieß die Delegaten herzlich willkommen.

Nachdem der Präsident die Geschäftssitzung als eröffnet erklärt hatte, schritt die Synode zur Erledigung ihrer Geschäfte. Der Registrar berichtete, daß ein Quorum anwesend sei.

Hierauf schritt die Synode zur Präsidentenwahl. Der Schreiber verlas die betreffenden Regeln über Wahlen. Als Wahlführer wurden ernannt die Pastoren A. Achtemeier, Ed. Henning, A. C. Plappert, und Aeltester C. Weckmüller. Pastor F. W. Knatz wurde als Präsident und Pastor E. H. Wetzler, D.D., wurde als Vizepräsident erwählt.

Der neuerwählte Präsident übernahm den Vorsitz und dankte der Synode in entsprechenden Worten.

Der Ständige Schreiber verlas die Regeln über Reisevergütungen, dann wurde die Geschäftsordnung wie im Blaubuch angegeben angenommen und das Blaubuch wurde als überwiesen angesehen, sowie die darin enthaltenen und sonstigen Dokumente an die betreffenden Ausschüsse.

Präsident Paul Grosshüsch, D.D., machte noch die nötigen Bekanntmachungen.

Hierauf vertagte sich die Synode und wurde von dem Präsidenten F. W. Knatz mit dem Segen entlassen, worauf die Synode den 2. Lob- und Segensspruch sang.

Artikel II.

Registration.

1. Bericht des Registrars.

a) Registration.

Am Anfang einer jeden Sitzung und unmittelbar vor Vertagung berichtete der Registrar über Registration. Bei jeder Sitzung war ein Quorum anwesend.

1. Sitzung:	80 Prediger aus 9 Klassen.	
	40 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen.	
2. Sitzung:	90 Prediger aus 9 Klassen.	
	43 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen.	
3. Sitzung:	91 Prediger aus 9 Klassen.	
	45 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen.	
4. Sitzung:	89 Prediger aus 9 Klassen.	
	41 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen.	
5. Sitzung:	72 Prediger aus 9 Klassen.	
	30 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen.	
Letzte Reg.:	61 Prediger aus 8 Klassen.	
	25 Aelteste aus 7 Klassen.	

b) Anwesende Glieder.

Die Ziffern in folgender Liste bezeichnen die Sitzungstage, an welchen der betreffende Delegat registrierte; der Buchstabe (L) bezeichnet die letzte Registration; der Buchstabe (E) bezeichnet „Entschuldigt". Wo weder Ziffer noch Buchstabe steht, ist weder Registration noch eine Entschuldigung verzeichnet.

Sheboygan Klassis

(Pastoren)

E. H. Wessler, D.D.....1 2 3 4 5 E
Edward P. Nuss ......1 2 3 4 5 L
V. O. Grosshuesch ....E 2 3 4 5 L
Otto Saewert ....E 2 3 E 5 L
A. E. Hammann ....1 2 3 4 5 L
P. H. Franzmeier.......1 2 3 4 5 L
J. C. Rosenau ....E 2 3 4 E E
Edw. L. Hennig ....1 2 3 4 5 L
John Scheib ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Herman G. Schmid.....1 2 3 4 E E
Emil Buehrer ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Victor D. Weidler......1 2 3 4 E E
Otto A. Menke ....1 2 3 4 5 L
A. R. Achtemeier.......1 2 3 4 5 L
P. Grosshuesch, D.D....1 2 3 4 5 L
J. W. Grossh'sch, Ph.D. 1 2 3 4 5 E
H. K. Hartmann ......1 2 3 4 5 L
John Siegel ....E 2 3
John Gatermann ......1 2 3 4 5 L
Robert Klaudt ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Caleb Hauser ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Wm. Bollmann ....1 2 3 4 5 L
E. L. Worthmann ......1 2 3 4 5 L
G. O. Wernecke ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Wm. Oelrich ....1 2 3 4 5 L
T. Blaufuss ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Otto R. Gerber ....1 2 3 4 5 L
A. Geo. Schmid ....1 2 3 4 5 L
E. G. Pfeiffer ....1 2 3 4 5 L
S. Schmiechen ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Wilson M. Bixler.......1 2 3 4 E E
Elmer C. Jaberg ....1 2 E 4 5 L
C. O. Schroer ....1 2 3 4 5 L
K. J. Ernst, Ph.D.,D.D..1 2 3 4 5 L
Ernst G. Krampe, D.D.1 2 3 4 5 L
A. C. Plappert ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Alvin Grether, A.M....1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

Julius Ochs ....1 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Rodewald ....1 2 3 4 E E
John Krueger ....E E 3 4 E E
Herman Vogel ....1 2 3 4 5 L
F. W. Buker ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Wm. Klumb, Jr. ....1 2 3 E E E
Adolph Meier ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Henry Neuhaus ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Wm. Zeinemann ....E 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Wernecke ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Wm. Depping ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Jacob Spindler ....E 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Stauss ....E E 3 E E E
John Hintz ....E 2 3 4 E E
Gustav Dennerlein 1 2 3 4
Edwin Strade ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Alfred Treick 1

Milwaukee Klassis

(Pastoren)

Carl Flueckinger .....1 2 3 4 5 L
C. M. Zenk ....1 2 3 4 5 L
H. C. Nott, D.D. ......1 2 3 4 5 L
A. Muehlmeier, D.D. .1 2 3 4 5 L
Frank Settlage ....1 2 3 4 E E
George Grether ......1 2 3 4 5 L
Paul A. Olm ....1 2 3 4 5 E
A. A. Graf ....1 2 3 4 5 E
R. Huenemann ......E 2 3 4 5 L
T. P. Bolliger, D.D. .1 2 3 4 5 L
John Mohr 2 3 4
Theo. Schildknecht ..E E 3 4
F. W. Knatz ....1 2 3 4 E E
Richard Rettig ......1 2 3 4 E E
R. P. Kuentzel ......E 2 3 4 E E
Herman Lehmann ...1 2 3 4 5 L
H. G. Settlage ....1 2 3 4 E E
Wm. E. Huber ....1 2 3 4 E E
J. Friedli, D.D. ......E 2 3 4 E E
F. W. Lemke ....1 2 3 4 5 E

(Aelteste)

C. Weckmueller ......1 2 3 4 5 L
Henry Kundert ......1 2 3 4 E E
Raymond Lueth ......1 2 3 4 5 E
Henry Menger ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Emil Ritschard ......1 2 3 4 5 E
Andrew Feigel ......1 2 3 E E E
Otto Gygax ....1 2 3 4 E E
Lewis R. Williams ...E 2 3 E E E

Minnesota Klassis

(Pastoren)

Frank Stucki ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Otto Vriesen ....1 2 3 4 E E
E. M. DeBuhr ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Melvin Wittmer ......1 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Baumgartner ...1 2 3 4 E E
Ezra Vornholt ....1 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Huenemann ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Calvin Grosshuesch ..1 2 3 4 5 L
Edw. H. Vornholt ....1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

George Herman ......1 2 3 4 5 E
Albert Graupman ....1 2 3 4 E E
Gustav Kiesau ....1 2 3 4 5 L
John Florin ....1 2 3 4 E E
Wm. Eggler ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Chas. Goll ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Henry Josten ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Chas. Miller ....1 2 3 4 5 L

Nebraska Klassis

(Pastoren)

Paul Traeger, Ph.D. ..1 2 3 4 5 L
Alvin O. Engelmann..1 2 3 4 5 L
C. Wm. Deglow ......1 2 3 4 5 L
Chas. H. Riedesel ....E E 3 4 5 L
Harvey R. Burkett ...1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

David Fuehrer ......1 2 3 4 5 L

Ursinus Klassis

(Pastoren)

A. C. Fischer ....1 2 3 4 5 E
L. A. Moser ....1 2 3 4 5 L
John R. Seidler ......1 2 3 4 5 L
O. J. Engelmann .....1 2 3 4 5 E
D. E. Bosma ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Armin H. Tendick ....1 2 3 4 5 L
A. I. Kruetzmann ....1 2 3 4 5 L
A. A. Depping ....E 2 3 4 E E

(Aelteste)

Fred W. Witte ......1 2 3 4 5 L
J. H. T. Engelmann ..1 2 3 4 5 L
Gustav Krampe ......1 2 3 4 5 L

Sued Dakota Klassis

(Pastoren)

Wm. Korn ....1 2 3 4 5 L
John Bodenman ......1 2 3 4 5 L
K. J. Stuebbi, D.D. ...1 2 3 4 5 L
Aaron Kurtz, D.D. ...E 2 3 4 E E
U. Zogg ....1 2 3 4 5 E

(Aelteste)

August Nuss ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Peter Hansauer ......1 2 3 4 5 L
A. Treick ....1 2 3 4 5 E
Jacob F. Mettler ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Friedrich Hauck ....1 2 3 4 5 L

Portland-Oregon Klassis

Keine Delegaten.

West Canada Klassis

(Pastoren)

John F. Krieger .....1 2 3 4 5 L
C. D. Maurer ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Carl Fried ....1 2 3 E 5 L
John Schlamp ....1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

Keine.

Eureka Klassis

(Pastoren)

George Wolf ....1 2 3 4 5 L
F. F. Ott ....1 2 3 4 5 L
W. J. Krieger ...... 1 2 3 4 5 L

(Aelteste)

August Dokter ......1 2 3 4 5 L
August Hieb ....1 2 3 4 5 L
H. D. Opp ....1 2 3 4 5 L
Adolf Graf ....1 2 3 4 5 L

California Klassis

(Pastoren)

Reinhold Birk ....1 2 3 4 5 E

(Aelteste)

Keine.

c) Entschuldigte Glieder.

Sheboygan-Klassis:

Die Pastoren J. M. Bauer und Benjamin Stucki.

Die Aeltesten Jacob Koehler, Otto Voigt, Walter Manecke, George Miller, John Stacy, Fred Stelloh, Fred Stockmeier, Norbert Reichhardt, Emil Neese, Theo. Dost, Albert Luebke und A. Laack.

Milwaukee-Klassis:

Die Aeltesten Fred Roth, Adam Held, Adolf Schmid, H. Blumer und C. Denker.

Minnesota-Klassis:

Die Pastoren E. H. Oppermann, Edw. Mohr und R. A. Most.

Die Aeltesten Emil Loesel, Jacob Wampfler und Peter Schneewind.

Nebraska-Klassis:

Die Pastoren A. Dumin und P. S. Kohler.

Die Aeltesten Mike Blaser, Wm. Langenberg, Alfred Kauel, Henry Fanders und L. Hehnstein.

Ursinus-Klassis:

Pastor S. Elliker, Jr.

Die Aeltesten Geo. Blaß, Wm. Burrichter, F. C. Hocker, A. Bollenbacher und Wm. Grotjohn.

Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

Die Pastoren M. Nuß und Peter Schild.

Die Aeltesten A. Gehring, C. Frank, J. Gramm und Adam Schmidt.

West-Canada-Klassis:

Die Aeltesten A. Schneider und A. Unterschuetz.

Eureka-Klassis:

Die Pastoren W. Großmann, O. Hoffner und W. B. Wittenberg.

Die Aeltesten Gottlieb Ulmer und Theodor Lang.

California-Klassis:

Pastor A. Funck.

Aeltester J. Mettler, Jr.

d) Unentschuldigte Glieder.

Sheboygan-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

F. P. Franke
W. F. Horstmeier
Alfred W. Klumb
Carl Dahn
Prof. J. Bauer
Carl Schmahl
Frank Lowenberg
H. T. Vriesen

(Gemeinden)

Zion, Dale
Zoar, Town Rhine
First Reformed, Porterfield
St. Paul, Mosel
St. John, New Holstein
First Reformed, Appleton.

Milwaukee-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

F. Heilert
W. T. Großhuesch
R. R. Bach
W. C. Lehmann
C. Ruppert

(Gemeinden)

Reformierte, Campbellsport
First Reformed, Lowell
Zoar, Watertown
Friedens, Jackson
First Reformed, New Berlin
Community, Waubeka.

Minnesota-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

Walter Stuckey
Jason Hoffmann
W. Kuhn
Julius Rosenau.
Arthur Krueger
C. F. Wichser
Wm. Diehm

(Gemeinden)

St. John, LaCrosse
Trinity, Wabasha
Peace, St. Paul
Zoar, Dahlgren.

Nebraska-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

H. E. Grieb
J. A. Hochstatter
W. J. Bonekemper.

Ursinus-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

J. Christ

(Gemeinden)

Zoar, Newton
St. John, Marengo
Bethany, Ledyard.

Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

G. Meininger
H. H. Niehaus.

Portland-Oregon-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

B. M. Fresenborg
G. Hafner
E. Horstman
M. Denny
W. G. Lienkaemper
E. Scheidt
A. E. Wytz
John Egger
G. F. Zinn
J. G. Nace
E. Lehrer
C. C. Lienkaemper
L. Selzer
A. F. Lienkaemper

(Gemeinden)

Emanuel, Hillsboro
Reformed, Hillsdale
1. Reformed, Portland
2. Reformed, Portland
3. Reformed, Portland
Ebenezer, Quincy
Bethany, Salem
Meridian, Wilsonville.
St. John, Tillamook.

West-Canada-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

Paul Wiegand
Carl Fried
C. H. Reppert

(Gemeinden)

Immanuel, Brown
Friedens, Duff
Johannes, Grenfell
Zions, Neudorf
Hoffnung, Stony Plain
Zion, Brush Hill.
Bethanien, Wolseley

Eureka-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

E. Kaempchen
George Wolfe
C. T. Nuß
Peter Bauer
A. Haller-Leuz
K. Krueger

(Gemeinden)

Heil
Hosmer
Isabel
Leola
Upham
Zeeland.
Odessa

California-Klassis:

(Pastoren)

E. F. Evemeyer
Albert Hady
A. W. Ogston
K. Suzuki
G. J. Zenk
J. Mori
Alois Krisik

(Gemeinden)

1. Reformed
1. Ref. Hungarian
Trinity, W. Hollywood
Japanese, W. Los Angeles
Japanese, Los Angeles
1. Reformed, San Francisco.
Ebenezer, Shafter

Achtungsvoll,

C. W. Deglow, Registrar.
Armin H. Tendick.
Aelt. Wm. Rodewald.

2. Bericht des Ausschusses für ratgebende Glieder und Besucher.

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen:

Ihr Ausschuß berichtet, daß die folgenden Personen bei den Sitzungen anwesend waren und von dem Präsidenten als

A. ratgebende Glieder betrachtet wurden:

Pastor Gilbert Schroer, Mission in Morioka, Japan, West-Ohio-Klassis, Ohio-Synode.

Pastor E. J. Straßburger, Immanuelsgemeinde, New York-Klassis, Synode des Ostens.

Pastor J. M. G. Darms, D.D., Philadelphia-Klassis, Synode des Ostens, Sekretär der Churchman's Brotherhood.

Pastor Harry Nelson Baßler, D.D., Maryland-Klassis, Potomac-Synode, Präsident der Behörde für Predigerunterstützung.

Pastor Daniel Burghalter, D.D., Tiffin, Ohio, Central Ohio-Klassis, Ohio-Synode.

Pastor A. V. Casselmann, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., Reading-Klassis, Sekretär der Ausländischen Missionsbehörde.

Pastor W. F. Lahr, St. Lukas-Gemeinde, Jeffersonville, Ind., Kentucky-Klassis, Midwest-Synode.

Pastor H. E. Settlage, Fostoria, Ohio, Northwest Ohio-Klassis, Ohio-Synode.

Prof. Herbert Wernecke, D.D., West Ohio-Klassis, Ohio Synode, Eden-Seminar, St. Louis, Mo.

Pastor Wm. E. Lampe, Ph.D., LL.D, Sekretär der Exekutive der General-Synode, Maryland-Klassis, Potomac-Synode.

Pastor A. Ruehlman, Hoisington, Kansas, Missouri-Kansas-Klassis, Midwest-Synode.

Prof. Ernst Fledderjohn, Missionshaus, Chicago-Klassis, Midwest-Synode.

Pastor Paul H. Land, D.D., Hafenmission, New York City, New York-Klassis, Synode des Ostens.

Pastor John C. Horning, D.D., Missouri-Kansas-Klassis, Midwest-Synode, Superintendent der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde.

Pastor A. Stienecker, Fort Wayne-Klassis, Midwest-Synode, Superintendent des Waisenhauses in Fort Wayne, Ind.

B. als Besucher willkommen geheißen wurden:

Pastor J. M. DeVries, Sibley, Iowa. Pleasant Prairie-Klassis, Reformierte Kirche in Amerika.

Pastor Wm. Schultz, Schwarzwald-Gemeinde bei dem Missionshaus, Evangelische Synode.

Pastor M. H. Qual, Emeritus, Reformierte Kirche in Amerika.

Pastor George Eisenach, Emanuel Congregationalisten-Kirche, Sheboygan, Wis.

Ihr Ausschuß:

Wm. Oelrich.
A. J. Kreutzmann.
G. Krampe.

Artikel III.

Organisation.

1. Ordnungsregeln.

Die Synode wurde nach den Ordnungsregeln der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten geleitet. Jede Sitzung wurde entweder mit einem Gottesdienst oder mit einer Andacht und Gebet eröffnet und mit Gebet geschlossen.

Als Schranken des Hauses bestimmte der Präsident die ersten 12 Reihen der Stühle auf beiden Seiten.

2. Wahl der Beamten.

Die Wahl des Präsidenten und Vize-Präsidenten fand gleich nach der Eröffnung der Synode statt. Am folgenden Morgen wurde die Organisation vollendet. Die Wahl des Schatzmeisters fand nach der Erledigung des Finanzberichtes statt.

Die Beamten der Synode sind:

Präsident:—Pastor F. W. Knatz, 2735 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Vizepräsident:—Pastor Edw. H. Wetzler, D.D., 612 Erie Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Ständiger Schreiber:—H. K. Hartmann, Sutton, Nebraska.

Korrespondierender Schreiber:—Arno George Schmid, New Holstein, Wisconsin.

Schatzmeister:—Aeltester Wm. Streblow, R. R. 1, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Registrar:—Pastor C. W. Deglow, R. R. 4, Columbus, Nebraska.

Archivar:—Ein Ausschuß bestehend aus den Pastoren H. T. Vriesen, O. A. Menke, Prof. J. Bauer, Ph.D., und Aeltester C. Arnhoelter.

3. Programm und Geschäftsordnung.

Die im Blaubuch angegebene Geschäftsordnung wurde wie möglich in allen Sitzungen eingehalten, doch wurde die Zeit der Samstagnachmittagsitzung auf 1 Uhr angesetzt, anstatt auf 2 Uhr nachmittags.

Artikel IV.

Ernennung der Ausschüsse.

a) Ständige Ausschüsse für 1937.

1. Gottesdienste:—Pastoren K. J. Stuebbe, H. K. Hartmann, Prof. Paul Grosshuesch, Aelt. Wm. Streblow, Pastoren H. T. Vriesen, Wm. Bollmann, H. G. Schmid; Aelteste Henry Maurer und Gustav Franz.
2. Verhandlungen der Generalsynode:—Pastoren John Bodenmann, Frank Stucki und Aeltester Wm. Rodewald.

3. Synodalverhandlungen: Pastoren H. K. Hartmann, E. G. Krampe und Aeltester Wm. Johanning.
4. Klassikalverhandlungen:—Pastoren Otto A. Menke, Elmer Jaberg und Aeltester Dr. Albert Hintz
5. Schriftliche Eingaben:—Pastoren Wm. Huenemann, Elmer Jaberg und Aeltester Emil Ritschard.
6. Lehranstalten:—Pastoren D. E. Bosma, Wm. E. Huber, Aelt. Wm. Eggler.
7 und 8. Mission und Kirchbaufonds:—Pastoren R. R. Kuentzel, Louis Moser, Carl Maurer, A .Kreutzmann; Aelteste John Florin und P. Weckmueller.
9. Erziehung:—Pastoren H. Lehmann, O. A. Menke, Paul A. Olm, Esra Vornholt, Alvin Engelmann, A. Tendick, J. Bodenmann, J. Krieger, F. F. Ott; Aeltester C. Weckmueller.
10. Predigerversorgung:—Pastoren G. Wernecke, Harvey R. Burkett und Aeltester Julius Engelmann.
11. Wohlfahrtsdienst:—Pastoren Calvin Zenk, Otto J. Vriesen und Aeltester Herman Vogel.
12. Haushalterschaft:—Pastoren A. Fischer, Gilbert Wernecke, F. W. Knatz, Franz Stucki, C. Wm. Deglow, K. J. Stuebbe, John Schlamp, Geo. Wolfe.
13. Evangelisation:—Pastoren A. R. Achtemeier, Esra Vornholt, Aeltester David Fuehrer.
14. Männerliga:—Pastoren E. H. Worthmann, Wm. Huber, Aeltester Fred W. Witte.
15. Frauenmissionsverein:—Pastoren Victor Großhuesch, George Grether, Aeltester G. Kiesau.
16. Studentenunterstützung:—Pastoren Wm. Huenemann, Ed. L. Henning, Aeltester Gustav Krampe.
17. Publikation:—Pastoren R. Klaudt, D. E. Bosma, Aelt. Peter Hausauer.
18 und 19. Nominationen und Wahlen: Pastoren L. A. Moser, Wm. Bollmann, Alvin Engelman, K. J. Stuebbe, R. Birk, W. J. Krieger, C. D. Maurer; Aelteste Albert Graupman und Raymond Lueth.
20. Finanzen:—Pastoren P. Traeger, Wm. Korn, Aeltester Herman Vogel.
21. Presse:—Pastoren Ulrich Zogg, Adolf Graf und Aeltester August Hieb.
22. Ratgebende Mitglieder:—Pastoren Wm. Oelrich, A. Kreutzman, Aeltester Gustav Krampe.
23. Entschuldigungen:—Pastoren C. W. Deglow, Armin Tendick, Aeltester Wm. Rodewald.
24. Dankesbeschlüsse:—Pastoren John Mohr, F. F. Ott, Aeltester Alfred Treick.

25. Reisevergütungen:—Pastor Calvin Großhuesch, E. DeBuhr, Aeltester Henry Kundert.
26. Justizausschuß:—Pastoren Ernst G. Krampe, H. G. Settlage, Wm. Huenemann, D. E. Bosma, Wm. Korn, John F. Krieger, Alvin Engelman; Aeltester John Wagemann.

b) Spezialausschüsse für 1937.

I. Note der Nebraska-Klassis:—Pastoren T. P. Bolliger, J. Friedli, Aeltester F. W. Buecker.
II. Veröffentlichung des Referats von Prof. J. Friedli:—Pastoren K. J. Ernst, John Mohr, Aeltester Wm. Eggler.
III. Vorschläge für Sonntagsheiligung:—Pastoren George Grether, Otto J. Vriesen, Aeltester Julius Ochs.
IV. Presbyterian Hymnal:—Pastoren H. C. Nott, A. Kurtz, Aeltester Henry Neuhaus.
V. Harvard-Angelegenheit, Pastor Burkett:—Pastoren E. H. Vornholt, Ed. L. Henning, Aeltester Fred W. Witte.

c) Spezialausschüsse, die in 1938 berichten sollen.

VI. Zwei Eingaben vom Spezialausschuß III von 1936: Verhältnis der Nordwestlichen Synode und des Missionshauses zur Verschmelzung:—Pastoren K. J. Ernst, K. J. Stuebbe, E. H. Weßler, F. Stucki; Aeltester William Klumb.
VII. Studentenunterstützung:—Pastoren Ruben Huenemann, D. E. Bosma, Aeltester H. Neuhaus.
VIII. Eingabe von Pastor Pfeiffer: Sonntagsschulliteratur:—Pastoren Wm. Huenemann, Prof. A. Grether, Aeltester C. Weckmueller.

d) Ständige Ausschüsse für 1938.

1. Gottesdienste:—Pastoren F. W. Knatz, H. K. Hartmann, Aeltester Wm. Streblow; sowie Pastor und Aeltester der Gemeinde, welche die Synode beherbergt.
2. Synodalverhandlungen:—Pastoren H. K. Hartmann, H. Burkett, Aeltester David Fuehrer.
3. Klassikalverhandlungen:—R. Rettig, R. Huenemann, Aeltester Emil Ritschard.

Artikel V.

Uebergabe des Blaubuches und anderer Dokumente.

1. Alle Berichte der Behörden, welche eingesandt wurden, sind nach der Regel der Synode entweder im Original oder in gedruckter Form im Blaubuch den Vorsitzenden der betreffenden Ausschüsse zugestellt worden.

Das Blaubuch wurde im Monat August von dem Verlagshaus an die betreffenden Pastoren und delegierten Aeltesten versandt.

2. Aus den eingesandten Protokollen der Klassen wurden nach Regel der Synode alle Religionsberichte an den Präsidenten der Synode, alle Erziehungsberichte und Statistik 3 und 4 an den Direktor für Christliche Erziehung Dr. E. G. Krampe, alle Berichte über Haushalterschaft an Pastor A. Fischer, dem Vorsitzenden für Haushalterschaft, übermittelt.

Die Abschriften der Protokolle wurden dann Pastor O. A. Menke, Vorsitzenden des Ausschusses für Klassikal-Angelegenheiten, gesandt.

3. Gesuche um Entschuldigungen wurden dem Registrar übermittelt, alle übrigen Dokumente wurden dem Ausschuß für Schriftliche Eingaben übergeben.

Artikel VI.

Berichte der Beamten.

1. Bericht des Präsidenten.

Der Bericht des Präsidenten, Pastor K. J. Stuebbe, wurde am Mittwoch vormittag verlesen und angenommen. Im Anschluß daran fand eine kurze Gedächtnisfeier über die dahingeschiedenen Aeltesten, geleitet von Pastor Plappert, statt.

Religionsbericht der Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Väter und Brüder! An der Hand der vorliegenden Religionsberichte möchten wir versuchen, der Synode ein Gesamtbild vorzulegen, damit es ihr, wenigstens in etwa, möglich sein wird, sich über den äußeren und inneren Zustand der Kirche in unserm Gebiet ein Bild zu machen. Selbstverständlich muß sich dieser Bericht an das halten, was in den Religionsberichten der einzelnen Klassen gefunden wird.

Alle diese Berichte zeugen von der großen Gnade Gottes, der uns wieder ein ganzes Jahr hindurch gehoben und getragen hat wie auf Adlersflügeln. Es ging in dem vergangenen Jahr täglich nach Gottes Wort, und darum dürfen wir sagen, daß es wirklich gut ging.

Die Pastoren und ihre Tätigkeit.

Die Prediger konnten alle, mit sehr wenig Unterbrechungen, ihres Amtes walten in einem Jahr, das auch wieder sein Teil an Mühe, Arbeit und Sorgen mit sich brachte. Wenn besondere Glaubenskämpfe, Seelenleiden und allerlei Anfechtungen nicht in den Berichten betont werden, so ist das wohl nicht der Beweis, daß unsre Amtsbrüder solche nicht kennen, sondern vielmehr ein Zeichen der Demut und des Glaubens, der uns lehrt, nicht mit allem an die Oeffentlichkeit zu treten, sondern alles dem Herr anheimstellen, der uns durch und durch kennt und alle diese Leiden und Anfechtungen zu unserm Heil wenden wird.

Das leibliche Wohlergehen der Pastoren wird im allgemeinen als recht gut bezeichnet. Einige mußten zwar schwere Krankheiten und andere Heimsuchungen durchmachen. Wir erwähnen hier besonders, daß Pastor Sohei Kowta seine Frau und Kinder nach Japan bringen mußte, wo sie jetzt noch in ärztlicher Behandlung sind. Die Pfarrfrau von Pastor J. Mori starb auf dem Weg nach Brasilien, wohin Pastor Mori eine Missionsreise unternahm. Ebenso wurde

die Pfarrwitwe Caroline Meyer durch den Tod abgerufen. Prof. Dr. K. J. Ernst lag lange Zeit schwer krank darnieder. Dem Herrn sei Lob und Dank, daß ihm wieder Leben und Gesundheit geschenkt wurde!

Die finanzielle Lage der Pastoren scheint sich im allgemeinen gebessert zu haben. Es fehlt aber auch nicht an Stimmen und Klagen darüber, daß die finanzielle Unterstützung der Prediger vonseiten ihrer Gemeinden schwach und ungenügend ist. Unsre Gemeinden sollten daran erinnert werden, daß in einer Zeit, wo die Lebensmittel stark im Preis steigen, auch die Gehälter nicht nur pünktlich bezahlt, sondern auch, wenn irgend möglich, dementsprechend erhöht werden sollten. Einige Klassen haben sich für die Missionsunterstützung eines Missionars in ihren betreffenden Gebieten verpflichtet.

In ihren Amtspflichten waren die Prediger bestrebt, die Gemeinden in den Heilswahrheiten zu befestigen. Deswegen wurden auch die Predigt des Worts, die Verwaltung der heiligen Sakramente, der Unterricht an der Jugend und Haus- und Krankenbesuche fleißig gepflegt.

Das Verhältnis der Pastoren zu ihren Kirchenräten und Gemeinden scheint durchweg ein gutes zu sein, wenn auch in einigen Fällen über Nörgeleien geklagt wird.

Die Kirchenräte und ihre Tätigkeit.

Die Tätigkeit der Kirchenräte wird in allen Berichten lobend erwähnt; wenn auch Aelteste und Vorsteher wie alle Menschen fehlerhaft sind, so leisteten sie doch den Pastoren treuen Beistand, und haben sich redlich bemüht, zum Wohl der Gemeinden mitzuarbeiten und Frieden und Eintracht in den Gemeinden zu erhalten. Mancherorts wird von den Aeltesten, in Abwesenheit des Pastors, Lesegottesdienst und Sonntagsschule geleitet. An Haus- und Krankenbesuchen jedoch scheinen die wenigsten sich zu beteiligen.

Die Bußzucht wird nur in einem Bericht erwähnt. Es scheint, als ob wir hier den wunden Punkt vor uns haben. Das Amt der Schlüssel wird nicht mehr voll und ganz gehandhabt.

Die Gemeinden und ihre Tätigkeit.

Der Besuch der Gottesdienste vonseiten der Gemeindeglieder wird sehr verschieden beurteilt. „Gut", „nicht so gut", „schlecht", „sollte besser sein", das sind Ausdrücke, die in den Berichten gebraucht werden. Schnee und Eis haben in diesem Jahr wohl oft die Glieder von der Kirche fern gehalten, aber auch andere Ursachen werden angegeben, unter diesen wohl hauptsächlich die Liebe zur Welt und ihrer Lust.

Mit sehr wenig Ausnahmen werden alle Kinder zur Taufe gebracht. Mit Bezug auf das heilige Abendmahl jedoch lauten die Berichte nicht so günstig. Wenn auch in einigen Gemeinden eine Zunahme zu verzeichnen ist, so haben die Abendmahlsgäste in andern Gemeinden abgenommen, und es wird starke Klage darüber geführt, daß so viele Glieder fast nie zum Tisch des Herrn kommen.

Ueber das Gebetsleben schweigen einige Berichte ganz. Andere betonen, daß das Tischgebet noch ziemlich allgemein im Gebrauch ist, aber auch, daß die Hausandacht wohl mehr geübt werden dürfte.

Ueber Almosen wird von andrer Seite berichtet werden. Wir möchten hier aber betonen, daß aus den Berichten hervorgeht, daß wir in diesem Stück noch sehr träge sind. Man hat Geld für alle andern Zwecke, aber die Kirche bettelt ums Brot. Es ist wahr, Würmer, Heuschrecken, große Hitze und Dürre haben

unsre Gemeinden vielfach schwer heimgesucht, aber wir befürchten, daß sich manche hinter diese Gerichte Gottes verstecken, um ihrn Geiz dadurch zuzudecken. Vielerorts wird das Kuvertsystem gebraucht und gelobt.

Auf dem Gebiet der christlichen Erziehung sind keine großen Fortschritte zu verzeichnen. In allen Berichten wird sie betont. Die Methoden gehen weit auseinander. Die meisten unsrer Gemeinden halten sich an die bewährten Sonntagsschulen, Sommerferienschulen, Konfirmandenunterricht und Vereine, damit jung und alt unterrichtet werden in dem Einen was not tut. Reformierte Blätter und Literatur scheinen nur wenig Verbreitung zu finden. Dies ist natürlich sehr zu bedauern, umsomehr, weil sektiererische Schriften und weltlicher Schund mehr und mehr Verbreitung finden.

Allerlei Verbesserungen an Gemeindeeigentum, und auch einige Neubauten, werden berichtet. Auch haben einige Gemeinden besondere Anstrengungen gemacht, an Schulden abzutragen. Andere Gemeinden stehen vor der Frage, daß gebaut werden muß, aber so lange die Ernten so spärlich ausfallen, sie solches unmöglich tun können.

Jubelfeste.

In fast allen Berichten werden Jubelfeste verschiedener Art erwähnt. Unter allen diesen möchten wir nur das fünfundsiebzigjährige Jubiläum unsers Missionshauses erwähnen. Die Geschichte dieser Anstalt ist allen mehr oder weniger bekannt; sie ist auch so sehr mit der Geschichte unsrer Synode verwachsen, daß wir geneigt sind zu sagen: die Geschichte des Missionshauses ist die Geschichte unsrer Synode. Wir als Synode haben große Ursache, uns mit unsrer Alma Mater zu freuen und Gott zu danken für seine gnädige Durchhilfe und Bewahrung.

Betagte Prediger.

Eine ganze Reihe unsrer Mitbrüder sind vom aktiven Dienst der Kirche zurückgetreten. Wenn sie auch keine Gemeinden mehr bedienen, so sind sie dennoch nach Kräften und Vermögen tätig. Gern wären sie bei dieser Gelegenheit in unsrer Mitte, aber das ist nur bei einigen möglich. Nicht sind sie von der Bildfläche verschwunden; wir gedenken ihrer in Liebe und führen ihre Namen an als Denkmäler der unveränderlichen Gnade unsers himmlischen Vaters: Wilhelm Diehm, A. C. Plappert, John Gatermann, J. M. Bauer, J. Rosenau, H. Niehaus, H. E. Grieb, M. Denny, P. Bauer, M. Nuß, W. J. Bonekemper, J. Christ, C. Ruppert, A. Haller-Leuz, W. Wittenberg, Prof. K. F. Hagenmeyer, Ph.D., F. W. Horstmeier, D.D., C. Dahn. Möge es diesen Brüdern um den Abend Licht werden.

Nekrolog.

Keine Prediger wurden seit dem letzten Bericht vom Herrn abgerufen, aber vierzehn Aelteste durften in die Freude ihres Herrn eingehen. Ihre Namen werden hiermit der Ehrw. Synode vorgelegt: James Binning, Wilhelm Neumann, Otto Schnell, Peter Dennerlein, Henry J. Koehler, Christian Hartmann, Gerhard Feldmann, John Morschen, Fred Greimann, August Hase, Albert Klingbeil, John Kelting, Ludwig Schnabel, Gottlieb Graf, Sr.

Wir schließen diesen Bericht mit den Worten des Psalmisten: Wünschet Jerusalem Glück! Es müsse wohl gehen denen, die dich lieben! Es müsse Friede sein inwendig in deinen Mauern und Glück in deinen Palästen! Um meiner

Brüder und Freunde willen will ich dir Frieden wünschen. Um des Hauses willen des Herrn, unsers Gottes, will ich dein Bestes suchen (122).

K. J. Stuebbe, Präsident.

Im Anschluß daran verlas der Ständige Schreiber die Statistik der Synode. Synode beschloß den Religionsbericht in der Kirchenzeitung erscheinen zu lassen mit den Endsummen der Statistiken A und B.

2. Bericht des Ständigen Schreibers.

Liebe Brüder! Die verschiedenen Beschlüsse, welche in dem vergangenen Synodaljahr von dem Ständigen Schreiber auszuführen waren, sind von dem Unterzeichneten nach bestem Vermögen ausgeführt worden und ist darüber den Exekutivbeamten ausführlich berichtet worden. (Siehe darüber die Protokolle der Exekutivbeamten.)

Folgende gedruckte Verhandlungen andrer Kirchenkörper sind an den Ständigen Schreiber gesandt worden:

a) Minutes of the Synod of the Mid-West, 1936
b) Minutes of Ohio Synod
c) Bulletin of Philadelphia Classis
d) Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Diese Verhandlungen werden nach der Sitzung der Synode dem Archivar übergeben werden.

Leider war das Protokoll der Synode vor dem Umzug des Unterzeichneten nach Sutton, Nebraska, im November noch nicht ganz zum Druck fertig und somit war die Herausgabe des Protokolls etwas spät geworden. An die California-Klassis sandte der Unterzeichnete alle Beschlüsse der Synode direkt. Durch den Druck der Statistik kam aber das Protokoll doch später heraus, um zu den Sitzungen der Portland-Oregon-Klassis versandtbereit zu sein. Jedoch hat diese Klassis in etwa die Anstalten der Synode berücksichtigt und wird, wie der Präsident mitteilt, bei einer Spezialsitzung der Klassis am 28. September die Synodalverhandlungen noch entsprechend berücksichtigen.

Wegen dieser Sache bittet Unterzeichneter Synode um freundliche Nachsicht, da die Verhältnisse leider eine verspätete Herausgabe des Protokolls bewirkten.

Ueber den weiteren Druck der Statistiken der Klassis wird die Exekutive der Synode einen besonderen Bericht und Vorschlag einreichen.

Unterzeichneter wohnte nach Schluß der Synode der Sitzung der Midwestsynode an einem Tag bei und nahm an der Stimmenzählung des neuerwählten Professors der Praktischen Theologie teil. Dr. Fledderjohn drückt der Synode seinen Dank aus für das ihm erwiesene Vertrauen.

Sonst wurden nach Regel der Synode Religionsberichte, Berichte über Erziehung und Haushalterschaft aus den Protokollen den betreffenden Vorsitzenden vor Eingang der Synode übermittelt und auch sonstige Dokumente, deren Inhalt klar war, den betreffenden Ausschüssen übermittelt. Alle andern Dokumente wurden geordnet, um dem Archiv übergeben zu werden.

Die Statistik wurde in diesem Jahr von Dr. Rauch Stein in Philadelphia, St. Clerk, Generalsynode, der Synode ausgearbeitet zugesandt, doch mußten verschiedene Abänderungen nachher gemäß Angaben von Dr. Stein gemacht werden.

Die Versendung der Blaubücher und der Protokolle wurde mit großer Gewissenhaftigkeit revidiert. In dieser Beziehung muß der Unterzeichnete den Brüdern für ihre Mitarbeit danken.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,
H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

3. Bericht des Schatzmeisters.

I. Synodalkasse.

Einnahmen:

Kassenbestand am 5. September 1936		$4,025.21
Portland-Oregon-Klassis, 1935—36 Auflage		64.38
West-Canada-Klassis, 1935—36 Auflage		137.34
Portland-Oregon-Klassis, 1935—36 Auflage		64.00
Süd-Dakota-Klassis, Auflage		245.40
California-Klassis, Auflage		81.12
Milwaukee-Klassis, Auflage		730.20
Ursinus-Klassis, Auflage		240.72
Nebraska-Klassis, Auflage		104.28
Eureka-Klassis, Auflage		227.16
West-Canada-Klassis, Auflage		125.28
Portland-Oregon-Klassis, Auflage		72.44
Minnesota-Klassis, Auflage		386.16
Sheboygan-Klassis, Auflage		998.16
Summa		$7,510.85

Ausgaben:

Meilengelder	$1,505.77	
Kirchendiener	10.00	
Rev. E. W. Deglow, Auslagen	2.00	
Stimmzettel	2.50	
Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Schreibergehalt	200.00	
Central Publishing House, Zinsen für Leibrente	56.94	
Hy. Rodewald, Reisekosten	3.84	
Rev. H. T. Vriesen, Reisekosten	1.20	
Rev. E. Hauser, Reisekosten	.96	
Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Reisekosten, Chicago	9.85	
Central Publishing House, Drucksachen	703.97	
Rev. K. J. Stuebbe, Reisekosten, Exekutive	19.00	
Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Reisekosten, Exekutive	19.10	
C.P.H., Briefbogen u. Kuverte für Past. H. K. Hartmann	13.16	
Prof. Paul Großhuesch, Reisekosten, M. H.-Behörde	58.30	
Rev. D. Glaß, Historical Society	25.00	
Schlüssel für Archiv, Prof. A. Grether	.50	
Central Publishing House, Zinsen für Leibrente	815.00	
Wm. Streblow, Auslagen	2.40	
Oshkosh Supply Co., Mimeograph	155.00	
Ganze Ausgaben		$3,604.49
Kassenbestand am 24. August 1937		$3,906.36
Bilanz, nach dem Bankbericht	$4,061.36	
Weniger, für ausstehenden Scheck	155.00	
		$3,906.36
Note von der Nebraska-Klassis		75.00
Rückständig, Portland-Oregon-Klassis		40.00

II. Synodal Reserve-Fonds.

Bestand des Fonds am 5. Sept 1936	$4,189.93	
Zinsen	84.20	
Bestand des Fonds am 24. August 1937		$4,274.13

III. Kasse der Studentenunterstützung.

Kassenbestand am 5. September 1936		$ 315.00
Sheboygan-Klassis, Rev. A. C. Plappert, Schatzm.	$ 310.13	
Rev. O. A. Menke, Schatzm.	180.45	
		490.58
Ursinus-Klassis, Rev. D. E. Bosma, Schatzm.	66.13	
Immanuels-Gemeinde	6.15	
		72.28
Süd-Dakota-Klassis, Rev. A. Kurtz, Schatzm.		96.50
Milwaukee-Klassis, J. J. Figi, Schatzmeister:		
Barneveld, Ref. Gemeinde	$ 1.32	
Immanuel, Milwaukee	10.44	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	19.14	
Wayne	15.00	
Immanuel, Milwaukee	6.51	
Monticello	30.00	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	9.32	
Harrisburg	1.44	
Immanuel, Milwaukee	6.95	
Monticello	12.00	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	3.96	
Sauk City	20.00	
Waukesha, Erste Reformierte	38.36	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	3.10	
West Bend	12.00	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	2.73	
Immanuel, Milwaukee	6.51	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	5.45	
Immanuel, Milwaukee	3.25	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	2.28	
New Glarus, Ref. Gemeinde	2.40	
		212.16
Minnesota-Klassis, Rev. C. Großhuesch, Schatzmeister:		
Klemme	$ 22.00	
Zion, Waukon	25.98	
Alma	12.00	
West Concord	2.72	
Ludlow, Waukon, R. R.	20.00	
Mormon Coulee, (Rev. E. Vornholt)	10.00	
St. John, La Crosse	10.00	
Peace, Garner, Iowa	22.50	
		125.20
Nebraska-Klassis:		
Peace, Ref. Gem., Norfolk, Neb., Rev. C. H. Riedesel	$ 13.95	
Gruetli $5.00, Bethel $5.00, Rev. C. W. Deglow	10.00	
Immanuel, Ref. Gem., Norfolk, Nebr.	6.15	
		30.10
Eureka-Klassis:		
Hosmer-Pfarrst., Rev. W. Großmann	$ 15.00	
		15.00
West-Canada-Klassis:		
Für die zwei Studenten Römer, Rev. C. H. Reppert	$ 78.40	
Josephsburg, Ft. Saskatchewan, Rev. Krieger	13.56	
		91.96

Portland-Oregon-Klassis:
Erste Deutsche Ref., Portland, Ore., Fred Spoerli ....$ 6.00
Bethany, Ref. Gemeinde, Salem, Oregon 9.00
——— 15.00

California-Klassis: John Mettler, Jr., Schatzmeister:
Japanese Ref. Church, West Los Angeles ....$ 1.65
First Reformed Church, Los Angeles 10.00
——— 11.65

Summa		$1,475.43

Ausgaben:

Missionshaus, für Studentenunterstützung	$505.00	
Aufgeld für Schecks	.19	
		505.19
Kassenbestand am 24. August 1937		$ 970.24

Achtungsvoll

Wm. Streblow, Schatzmeister.

Dieser Bericht wurde dem Ausschuß für Finanzen überwiesen.

4. Bericht der Exekutivbeamten.

An die Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Die Exekutivbeamten erlauben sich, der Synode folgendes zu berichten:

In verschiedenen Sitzungen haben die Beamten die Aufträge der Synode gewissenhaft erwogen und deren Ausführung beraten und beschlossen. Alle Aufträge sind nach bestem Vermögen ausgeführt worden. Die näheren Einzelheiten sind darüber in den Protokollen der Beamten, welche mit diesem Bericht der Synode übergeben werden, enthalten.

Die Beamten möchten folgende Punkte der Synode zur weiteren Handlung und Beschlußnahme unterbreiten:

1. Der Hafenmissionar, Pastor Paul Land, hat an die Exekutive das Gesuch gestellt, ihm die bisherige Unterstützung vonseiten der Synode angedeihen zu lassen. Die Exekutive verweist hiermit dieses Gesuch an die Synode in der Erwartung, daß die Synode für 1936 den Betrag von $136.00 dem Hafenmissionar nachbezahle, und macht die Synode auf eine weitere Unterstützung der Hafenmission aufmerksam. Schriftliche Eingabe vom letzten Jahr von Dr. Schaeffer legen wir hier zur weiteren Erwägung nochmals bei.

Wir empfehlen weiter folgendes zur Beschlußnahme:

2. Die Erziehungsberichte der Klassen sollen sogleich nach Sitzung der Klassen an den Direktor für Christliche Erziehung eingereicht werden.

3. Die Synode wird darauf aufmerksam gemacht, daß eine Note der Nebraska-Klassis vom Jahr 1934 im Betrag von $75.00 fällig ist. Die Synode wird ersucht, in dieser Sache zu handeln.

4. Wir machen die Synode darauf aufmerksam, daß die 3 Cent pro Glied von dem Schatzmeister der Synode am 23. April an das Verlagshaus entrichtet worden sind, daß aber nicht alle Zinsen der Annuity Bonds bezahlt wurden.

5. Wir empfehlen der Synode, von dem weiteren Druck der Statistik der einzelnen Klassen in den Synodalberichten absehen zu wollen, weil diese Statistiken ja von der Generalsynode schon früher an die einzelnen Pastoren gesandt werden. Diese Empfehlung begründen wir mit einem anliegenden Schreiben

von Dr. Lampe. Synode soll von nun an nur die Gesamtstatistik der Klassen veröffentlichen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,
K. J. Stuebbe, Präsident.
H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.
Wm. Streblow, Schatzmeister.

Handlung der Synode:

Punkt 1 verwiesen an den Ausschuß für Mission.
Punkt 2 wurde angenommen.
Punkt 3 wurde Spezialausschuß No. I überwiesen.
Punkt 4 wurde dem Ausschuß für Publikation überwiesen.
Punkt 5 wurde angenommen, dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

Dann wurde beschlossen: Die Exekutive soll bei der Generalsynode um die nötigen Exemplare der Statistik ersuchen, die sich auf die Klassen unsrer Synode beziehen. Diese sollen den Synodalberichten beigefügt werden.

Bericht des Spezialausschusses No. I.

(Note der Nebraska-Klassis.)

Dieser Bericht wurde wie nachstehend als Ganzes angenommen:

(Uebersetzung.)

Ihrem Spezialausschuß No. I wurden zwei Punkte überwiesen:

1. Pkt. 3 aus dem Bericht der Exekutive.
2. Eine Note für $75.00 von den Beamten der Ehrw. Nebraska-Klassis an die Synode des Nordwestens über ein Darlehen, das am 10. Oktober 1933 gemacht wurde.

Ihr Ausschuß erlaubt sich, folgende Erklärungen und Empfehlungen zu machen:

1. Von den uns überwiesenen Punkten ist nicht ersichtlich, ob der Schatzmeister der Synode bei der Ausstellung dieser Note im Auftrag der Exekutive gehandelt hat oder nicht, oder ob die Beamten der Klassis die Autorität hatten, dieses Geld zu borgen.
2. Diese $75.00, wie auch noch weitere $700.00, wurden von der Klassis verwendet in Verbindung mit einer gewissen Klage, welche der Klassis durch die ungesetzliche, unkonstitutionelle und unehrliche Handlung des Pastors, des Kirchenrats und eines großen Teils der Gliedschaft der Lincoln-Gemeinde aufgezwungen wurde.
3. Es ist klar, daß die Klassis nicht erwartet hat, einen direkten Nutzen zu erhalten, selbst von einer erfolgreichen Klage, sondern dazu getrieben wurde, ihre Rechte zu verteidigen, wie auch die Autorität und den gesetzlichen Status der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten. In dieser Hinsicht hatte nicht allein die Nebraska-Klassis, sondern eine jede Klassis, eine jede Synode und selbst die Generalsynode der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten ein lebhaftes Interesse an der Klagesache.
4. In Berücksichtigung aller dieser Tatsachen ist Ihr Ausschuß einstimmig der Ansicht, daß die Synode des Nordwestens bereit sein sollte, einen Teil

der großen Auslagen, die der Nebraska-Klassis aufgezwungen wurden, zu tragen, und möchte folgenden Vorschlag zur Annahme unterbreiten:

Daß die Schuld von $75.00 erlassen sei und daß die Exekutive beauftragt sei, die quittierte Note an die Ehrw. Nebraska-Klassis zurückzusenden.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Der Ausschuß:
Theodore P. Bolliger.
J. Friedli.
F. W. Bucker.

Bericht des Ausschusses für Archiv.

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß hat sich bemüht, die ihm überwiesene Arbeit auszuführen. Die Berichte und Dokumente vieler Jahre mußten sortiert werden, da früher die Papiere einfach ins Archiv gelegt wurden, ohne dieselben zu klassifizieren. Es war eine bedeutende Arbeit, und Ihr Ausschuß hat sich die Mühe nicht verdrießen lassen, in den vorhandenen Wirrwarr Ordnung zu bringen.

Die bezüglichen Dokumente der verschiedenen Klassen wurden den respektiven Behältern zuerteilt. Auch den Protokollen der Synode wurde die gehörige Aufmerksamkeit geschenkt. Vielleicht dürfte es ratsam sein, vorhandene Dokumente noch eingehender zu spezifizieren. Um diese Arbeit auszuführen, würden wir empfehlen, nochmals einen Ausschuß zu ernennen.

Wir möchten erwähnen, daß noch einige hundert Exemplare der Jubelschrift für die 50jährige Feier der Synode (Geschichte der Synode des N. W. 1867—1917) vorhanden sind. Vielleicht dürfte es ratsam sein, diese gratis an die Glieder der Synode abzugeben. An den Verkauf dieser Bände kann nicht mehr gedacht werden.

Wir wurden von der Exekutive der Generalsynode ersucht um eine Anzahl Kopien der Protokolle unsrer Synode (1873, 1874, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1906, 1907, 1908), aber leider hatten wir von diesen Protokollen nur je eine Kopie und konnten deshalb dem Gesuch nicht nachkommen. Es wäre vielleicht zu wünschen, so jemand eine Kopie von diesen Protokollen hat und bereit ist, sie aufzugeben, daß er sich mit Ihrem Komitee in Verbindung setzt.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Ihr Komitee für Archiv:
H. T. Vriesen.
Otto A. Menke.
Carl Anhoelter.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde angenommen und der Ausschuß für ein weiteres Jahr beibehalten.

Artikel VII.

Mitteilungen der Exekutive der Generalsynode.

Die Mitteilungen der Exekutive der Generalsynode waren allen Delegaten im Blaubuch, Seite 70 bis 72, zur Kenntnis gebracht worden.

Dr. Wm. E. Lampe redete die Synode noch weiter an und gab entsprechende Aufschlüsse. Seine Ansprache wurde an die betreffenden Ausschüsse übermittelt.

Artikel VIII.

Berichte der Ausschüsse.

1. Gottesdienste.

Der Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß für Gottesdienste unterbreitet folgendes Programm für die Sitzungen der Synode:

Aug. 24. Dienstag abend, um 7:30: Eröffnungsgottesdienst.
Pastor K. J. Stuebbe, D.D., Primarius,
Pastor F. W. Knatz, Secundus.

Aug. 25. Mittwoch:
Morgenandacht von Präsident Paul Großhuesch, D.D., und Vorbereitung zum heiligen Abendmahl (deutsch).
Abendgottesdienst, 7:30 P. M., englisch.
Pastot Ed. H. Vornholt, Primarius,
Pastor Frank Stucki, Secundus.

Aug. 26. Donnerstag:
Morgenandacht mit Feier des heiligen Abendmahls,
Pastor H. K. Hartmann, (deutsch).
Abendgottesdienst, 7:30 P.M., (deutsch)
Pastor John Mohr, Primarius,
Pastor H. Lehmann, Secundus.

Aug. 27. Freitag:
Morgenandacht: Prof. K. J. Ernst, D.D.

Aug. 28. Samstag:
Morgenandacht: Prof. Alwin Grether.

Aug. 29. Sonntag:
Gottesdienst in der Immanuelskirche.
Sonntagsschule um 9 A.M. Pastor Calvin Großhuesch.
Deutsch-englischer Gottesdienst um 10 A.M.
Pastor H. K. Hartmann, Leiter.
Prof. Dr. J. W. Großhuesch, Schriftabschnitt und Gebet.
Pastor A. Kurtz, D.D., deutsche Predigt,
Pastor H. C. Nott, D.D., englische Predigt.
Nachmittagsgottesdienst im Missionshaus in der Halle.
Englischer Gottesdienst um 2 P.M.
Prof. Dr. G. W. Richards, Primarius,
Past. A. G. Schmid, Secundus.

Der Ausschuß:
K. J. Stuebbe.
Wm. Streblow.
H. K. Hartmann.
Wm. Bollmann.
H. G. Schmid.
Paul Großhuesch.

Andere Reden und Ansprachen.

1. Am Mittwoch nachmittag wurde das von der Synode angeordnete Referat von Prof. Dr. J. Friedli verlesen:

Beschluß der Synode: Den Vortrag von Dr. J. Friedli in dem Anhang der Synodalverhandlungen zu drucken. Die Synode dankte Dr. Friedli durch Erheben von den Sitzen. Dann wurde dieses Referat mit den entsprechenden Bemerkungen dem Spezialausschuß II übergeben, der der Synode noch weitere Vorschläge zur Veröffentlichung unterbreiten soll.

Dieser Ausschuß berichtete wie folgt:

Bericht des Spezialausschusses II.

Dieser Bericht wurde wie folgt angenommen:

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Geliebte Brüder! Ihr Spezialausschuß wurde angewiesen, einen Platz zur Veröffentlichung des Referats von Prof. Dr. Friedli zu unterbreiten.

Ihr Ausschuß schlägt vor:

1. Daß die Synode den „Witneß" ersucht, eine seiner nächsten Nummern diesem Zweck zu widmen.

2. Daß die Synode eine genügende Anzahl von Kopien bestelle, um einem jeden Pastor der Kirche ein Exemplar zukommen zu lassen.

3. Daß der „Witneß" für den Versand verantwortlich sei.

4. Daß die Synode den Witneß für die Auslagen entschädige, indem sie $3.00 per 100 Kopien aussetze, plus Versandkosten.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Karl J. Ernst.
John Mohr.
Wm. Egger.

2. Den Vertretern der verschiedenen Behörden wurde Gelegenheit gegeben, im Interesse der betreffenden Zweige unsrer kirchlichen Arbeit zur Synode zu reden und etwaige Fragen zu beantworten.

Es redeten:

Pastor Dr. Wm. E. Lampe, der Vertreter der Exekutive der Generalsynode.
Pastor J. M. G. Darms, D.D., Vertreter der Männerliga.
Pastor A. V. Casselmann, Vertreter der Ausländischen Missionsbehörde.
Pastor T. P. Bolliger, D.D., Vertreter der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde.
Pastor Richard Rettig, Glied der Erziehungsbehörde der Generalsynode.
Pastor H. N. Baßler, D.D., Vertreter der Behörde für Predigerversorgung.
Präsident Paul Großhuesch, D.D., im Interesse des Missionshauses.
Pastor E. L. Worthman, Vertreter der Missionshausbehörde.
Pastor Ed. DeBuhr, Vertreter der Missionshausbehörde.
Professor J. Friedli, D.D., im Interesse des Jubiläum-Fonds.

Pastor H. C. Nott, D.D., als Vertreter der Verlagshausbehörde.
Pastor F. W. Knatz, Vertreter der Waisenhausbehörde.
Pastor E. H. Wetzler, im Interesse der Christlichen Erziehung.
Pastor E. G. Krampe, D.D., Direktor der Erziehungsbehörde.
Pastor Paul Land, Hafenmissionar in New York.
Pastor H. G. Settlage, Vertreter des Altenheims.
Prof. J. W. Großhuesch, Ph.D., im Interesse der Predigerunterstützung.
Pastor C. Zenk, D.D., im Interesse der Madison Studenten-Mission.
Pastor J. Horning, D.D., Vertreter der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde.
Frau Paul Großhuesch, Präsidentin des Frauenmissionsvereins.
Pastor A. Stienecker, Hausvater des Waisenhauses.

Der Inhalt der verschiedenen Ansprachen wurde den betreffenden Ausschüssen überwiesen.

3. Die Erziehungskonferenz fand am Donnerstag unter Leitung von Pastor E. G. Krampe statt.

4. Die Konferenz für Haushalterschaft fand am Donnerstag unter Leitung von Pastor A. G. Schmid für die Aeltesten, und Pastor A. Fischer für die Pastoren statt.

2. Verhandlungen der Generalsynode.

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Aus dem Protokoll der Generalsynode machen wir folgende Punkte namhaft, welche unsre Synode im besondern und die Kirche im allgemeinen angehen:

1. Unsre Synode ist in ihren Beiträgen für das Kontingent der Generalsynode noch mit $1,033.46 im Rückstand, und zwar Manitoba-Klassis $292.83; Eureka-Klassis $545.19; Nord-Dakota-Klassis $154.81; Edmonton-Klassis $40.63. Seite 33.

2. Seite 51. Das Syrische Waisenhaus in Jerusalem wird der Kirche zur Unterstützung empfohlen.

3. Seite 64. Die Generalsynode beschließt, ihre Verbindung mit dem Federal Council of Churches aufrecht zu erhalten.

4. Seite 64. Ein ständiges Komitee für Spiritual Life and Evangelism soll in allen Synoden, Klassen und Distrikten ernannt und aufrecht erhalten werden.

5. Seite 64. Die vier Grundsätze, die für die Christliche Haushalterschaft aufgestellt werden (Seite 54) sollen allgemein beachtet werden. Synoden, Klassen und Gemeinden sollen ihre Tätigkeit für Haushalterschaft unter ein Kingdom Service Committee stellen (Seite 55).

6. Spezialtage für die ganze Kirche: (Seite 65; 171):
Ausländische Mission: 6 Januar bis zum 2. Sonntag im Februar.
Christliche Erziehung: 15. Mai bis 2. Sonntag im Juni.
Einheimische Mission: 15. September bis 2. Sonntag im Oktober.
Predigerversorgung: Letzten Sonntag im Oktober oder einer der ersten Sonntage im November.

7. Seite 65, 59. Es wurden einheimische Annuity Agreements für alle Anstalten der Kirche festgesetzt.

8. Seite 66. Apportionment für die R=Gruppe: Einheimische Mission $1.00. Ausländische Mission $1.00. Christliche Erziehung 14 Cents. Predigerversorgung 23 Cents.

9. Seite 124, Punkt 10. Das Gesuch der Synode des Nordwestens, einen brauchbaren Plan für die Ausgleichung der Pastorengehälter aufzustellen, wurde einem Spezialkomitee überwiesen, das der nächsten Generalsynode berichten soll.

10. Seite 127, Pkt. 44. Einer der ersten Sonntage nach Ostern soll den Bestrebungen der Lord's Day Alliance zwecks Sonntagsheiligung gewidmet, und es soll eine entsprechende Predigt gehalten werden.

11. Seite 128, Pkt. 46. Pastoren, die einen Ruf aus der R= oder E=Gruppe annehmen, sollen bis zur Inkrafterklärung der neuen Konstitution sich noch an die Regeln und Ordnungen der betreffenden Klasse und Distrikte halten.

12. Seite 129, Punkt 48. Gesuche aus dem Gebiet der Synode des Nordwestens inbezug auf die neue Konstitution sind von der Generalsynode nach Annahme derselben als „berücksichtigt" (Attended to) erklärt worden.

13. Seite 149, Punkt 6. Pastoren, welche eine C. E.=Camp in der Nähe haben, sollen ein solches als ein Teil ihres Arbeitsfeldes betrachten.

14. Seite 171, Punkt 1 ff. Gemeinden, Klassen und Synoden sollen auf eine reichliche Predigerunterstützung bedacht sein.

15. Seite 199, Punkt 8. Da eine Reihe von Vakanzen auf dem Ausländischen Missionsfeld vorhanden sind, wird die Gesamtkirche ersucht, hierzu geneigte Aerzte, Pflegerinnen, Missionare, Lehrer und Lehrerinnen der Missionsbehörde namhaft zu machen, geeignete Persönlichkeiten auf die Vakanzen aufmerksam zu machen.

16. Seite 356, Punkt 1. Die ganze Kirche wird aufgefordert, in neue Höhen geistiger Einsicht, Entschiedenheit und Tatkraft sich aufzuschwingen, der gegenwärtigen Krisis unsrer ganzen Zivilisation zu begegnen, in Kraft des Heiligen Geistes, im vollen Verständnis des Willens Gottes. Hierbei ist der Clarion Call der Generalsynode an die Kirche zu beachten (Seite 61 und 66).

17. Seite 379, Punkte 1—7. Da die Tätigkeit der Auxiliary=Organisationen, wie Frauenmissionsvereine, Männerligen der Kirche zum großen Segen geworden sind, spricht die Kirche denselben ihren Dank aus und hofft auf ihre weitere Ausbreitung.

18. Seite 287. Es wird der Kirche mitgeteilt, daß die Gelegenheit, in der Mutual Fire and Storm Association zu versichern, auch allen einzelnen Gliedern der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche offen steht.

19. Seite 298. Die Amerikanische Bibel Gesellschaft, welche die Bibel gegenwärtig in 954 Sprachen verbreitet und auch eine Blindenbibel herausgegeben hat, erwartet von der Kirche eine kräftige Unterstützung.

20. Seite 301. Die nächsten Sitzungen der Generalsynode werden in Columbus, Ohio, abgehalten werden und zwar in der Evangelisch Protestantischen St. Johannes=Kirche. (Datum ist von der Exekutive später auf den 22. Juni 1938, 7:45 P.M., festgesetzt worden.)

Der Ausschuß:
John Bodenmann.
Frank Stucki.
Wm. Rodewald.

Handlung der Synode:

Pkt. 1 dem Ausschuß für Finanzen überwiesen.

2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 18 Kenntnisnahme.

4, 10, 13 angenommen.

5, 6, 8, 19 an den Ausschuß für Haushalterschaft überwiesen.

7, Kenntnisnahme und die Behörden sollen auf diesen Beschluß aufmerksam gemacht werden.

14 an Ausschuß für Predigerversorgung überwiesen.

15 an den Ausschuß für Mission überwiesen.

16 an Ausschuß für Evangelisation überwiesen.

17 die entsprechenden Punkte werden an den Ausschuß für Männerliga und Frauenmissionsvereine überwiesen.

20 Kenntnisnahme. Die Aufmerksamkeit der Klassen werden auf diesen Punkt gelegt.

Zu Punkt 10 wurde beschlossen, daß die Synode einen Spezialausschuß ernennen soll, No. III, der der Synode Vorschläge zur Sonntagsheiligung unterbreiten soll.

Dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

Bericht des Spezialausschusses III

über Sabbat-Heiligung.

(Uebersetzung.)

Da der Gedanke der Sabbat-Beachtung nicht von den Gedanken oder von dem Ratschluß der Menschen kommt, sondern in dem Befehl Gottes gewurzelt und gegründet ist, von dem er auch herrührt: „Gedenke des Sabbattages, daß du ihn heiligest", ein Befehl, der nicht gegeben wurde zum Zweck der Unterdrückung und zum Nachteil des Wohlergehens der Menschheit, sondern für die liebevolle Absicht, sein körperliches, geistiges und moralisches Wohlergehen zu fördern und ihm die ihm angeborenen Rechte des Lebens, der Freiheit und der persönlichen Glückseligkeit zu bewahren.

Da der wohlwollende Eindruck des Christentums auf nationales und Gesellschaftsleben in den vergangenen Jahren reichlich die Stellung der Gründer unsrer Republik inbezug auf die Sabbat-Beobachtung gerechtfertigt hat,

Da „Gerechtigkeit ein Volk erhöht, aber die Sünde der Leute Verderben ist" und die Uebertretung der Gesetze Gottes bei einer Nation, bei einem Staat und bei Einzelnen nur zu einer Richtung führen kann, nämlich die Erlangung des göttlichen Mißfallens und schließlicher Untergang,

so sei beschlossen:

1. Daß wir als Synode mit Abscheu auf jeden Versuch, sei es nun vonseiten der Gesetzgebung oder von anderer Seite, herabsehen, der gemacht wird, den Sabbattag zu beseitigen;

2. Daß wir unsre moralische und wenn es nötig ist, auch materielle Unterstützung der Lord's Day Alliance oder verwandten Organisationen und Bewegungen zusichern für die Bewahrung oder Wiederherstellung des Sabbattags;

3. Daß wir unsre Pastoren auffordern, von der Kanzel und im Jugendunterricht die große Bedeutung dieser heiligen Einrichtung zu betonen;

4. Daß wir die Generalsynode unsrer vereinigten Kirche ersuchen, in dem obigen Sinn zu handeln.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

George Grether.
O. J. Vriesen.
Julius H. Ochs.

Dieser Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen, auch soll er dem Vertreter der Lord's Day Alliance in Milwaukee übermittelt werden.

3. Synodalverhandlungen.

Bericht des Ausschusses für Synodalverhandlungen.
An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

In den letztjährigen Verhandlungen der Synode sind die folgenden Punkte, welche die Aufmerksamkeit der Synode erfordern und hiermit in entsprechender Gruppierung zur Kenntnis der Synode gebracht werden:

I. Ausschüsse, die in diesem Jahr berichten sollen.

1. Spezialausschuß No. III über Schriftliche Eingabe No. 17 von Pastor Caleb Hauser (Seite 45) Pastor C. Hauser, Vorsitzender.

2. Spezialausschuß No. IV über Wegzug von Gliedern, (Seite 34 und 35), Pastor W. Huber, Vorsitzender.

3. Ausschuß für Studentenhilfe (Seite 55, siehe engl. Teil, Seite 107) soll der Synode noch weiter berichten.

II. Empfehlungen und Verweisungen an die Klassen.

1. Die Synode hat den Klassen alle verschiedenen Zweige der kirchlichen Arbeit zur energischen Unterstützung empfohlen. Diese Handlungen in den Berichten der verschiedenen Ausschüsse finden sich auf den folgenden Seiten: 30, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57 und 58.

Der Ausschuß über Klassikalverhandlungen muß die Handlungen der Klassen darüber berichten.

2. Besondere Verweisungen an die Klassen:

a) Ursinus-Klassis wird auf die Beschlüsse der Synode auf Seite 35 b, c, d aufmerksam gemacht.

b) Milwaukee-Klassis wird auf die Empfehlung, Seite 49 g und h, aufmerksam gemacht.

c) Mitteilung an die Sheboygan-Klassis betreffs Heidelberg-Liga (Seite 50, 3).

d) Seite 57 V. 1. Eine besondere Auflage von 3 Cents per Glied für Bezahlung der Leibrenten-Zinsen des Verlagshauses soll durch klassikale Auflagen erhoben werden.

III Aufträge an die Beamten.

1. Seite 25/26, 2, Ueberweisung der Lincoln-Angelegenheit an die Generalsynode.

2. Aufträge betreffs des diesjährigen Programms:

a) Seite 30, 2, 4. Der Synodalsonntag soll Missionshaus-Jubiläumssonntag sein.

b. Seite 30, 3. Ein Abend soll für Alumnenversammlung reserviert werden.

c) Ein Referat soll geliefert werden. (Seite 45, Pkt. 19.)

d) Eine Konferenz für Haushalterschaft soll vorgesehen werden. (Seite 52, 5.)

e) Seite 54, 3. Der Männerliga soll Gelegenheit zur Besprechung gegeben werden.

f) Die Zeit der Sitzung soll der Exekutive überlassen werden. (Seite 68, 4.)

3. Beschlüsse, die von den Beamten auszuführen sind.

a) Seite 34. Anschaffung eines Mimeographen für den Direktor der Christlichen Erziehung.

b) Seite 42, 7. Der Schatzmeister wird angewiesen, an Prof. A. Grether 50 Cents für Auslagen zu bezahlen.

c) Der Schatzmeister wird angewiesen $815.00 Leibrenten-Zinsen an das Verlagshaus zu bezahlen. (Seite 57, V, 1 und Seite 59.)

d) Der Ständige Schreiber wird angewiesen, an Pastor L. Selzer ein entsprechendes Schreiben zu richten. (Seite 42, 1.)

e) Der korrespondierende Schreiber soll in unsern kirchlichen Blättern auf unsre Gemeinde in Madison aufmerksam machen. (Seite 44, Pkt. 14.)

f) Die Empfehlung des Ausschusses über Haushalterschaft, Seite 53, 8, soll direkt von der Synode an die Kirchenräte und Prediger verwiesen werden.

g) Eine Reihe von Dankesbeschlüssen sind von dem Präsidenten zu entrichten (Seite 65).

h) Seite 48, 1. An North-Japan-College sollen die Glückwünsche dargebracht werden, ebenso an Dr. Schneder und Präsident D. T. Demura.

i) Seite 68, 3. Die veralterte Schreibmaschine des früheren Schreibers soll dem Missionshaus überlassen werden.

IV. **Verschiedenes.**

1. Seite 42. Pastor Bodenmann wird weiter aufgefordert in der Unterstützungsarbeit der notleidenden Glaubensbrüder in Rußland zu dienen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

H. K. Hartmann.
E. G. Krampe.
Wm. Johanning.

Pkt. I wurde auf den Tisch gelegt, bis die betreffenden Ausschüsse berichten sollten, dann wurde dieser Punkt aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt.

Pkt. II 1, 2, a, b, c, d wurden auf den Tisch gelegt bis der Ausschuß für Klassikalverhandlungen berichten sollte.

Dann wurden diese Punkte aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt.

Pkt. III. 1 und 3 erledigt durch den Bericht der Beamten.

2. Erledigt durch das Programm der Synode.

Pkt. IV auf den Tisch gelegt bis der Bericht verlesen wurde. (Siehe Ausschuß für Schriftliche Eingaben.) Dann wurde der Punkt aufgenommen und als erledigt erklärt und der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

Bericht des Spezialausschusses III vom Jahr 1936 über Schriftliche Eingabe No. 17.

Bericht eines Teiles des Spezialausschusses III (von 1936).

(Erster Bericht)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Geliebte Brüder in Christo! Die Eingabe an die Ehrw. Synode, wie sie Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen wurde, lautet wie folgt:

„An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Geliebte Brüder! Damit auch für unsre Nachkommen Prediger des Evangeliums mit Reformiertem Bekenntnisbewußtsein in unsrer Kirche ausgebildet werden können, ist es sehr wichtig, daß die Synode des Nordwestens ihre Existenz nicht preisgebe, sondern weiter bestehe und daß sie ihren Anteil an der Aufsicht über das von den Vätern gegründete Missionshaus festhalte, wie es ja auch der Plan of Union mit folgenden Worten freistellt: **'They shall also continue to hold and to supervise whatever property they possess and institutions they control. VIII, 1. The theological seminaries, colleges, academies, and benevolent institutions that are under the control of the subordinate judicatories of the representive churches shall continue under the supervision of the Synods, Classes or Districts which were in control of them before the union. (VIII, 2).'**

Ich ersuche daher die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens, ihr oben angedeutetes Recht nicht fahren zu lassen.

Achtungsvoll,

Caleb Hauser."

Ihr Ausschuß hatte zwei Sitzungen, eine am 18. November 1936 in Milwaukee bei Pastor Knatz, und die andre im Missionshaus, unmittelbar vor Eröffnung der Synode am Dienstag nachmittag, den 24. August 1937, um 3 Uhr nachmittags. Zu der ersten Sitzung wollte auch Präsident Richards kommen, wurde aber unwohlseinswegen am Erscheinen verhindert. Die uns zugewiesene Sache wurde gründlich erörtert. Bei der ersten Sitzung, an welcher alle Glieder des Ausschusses teilnahmen, kam es zu keinem einstimmigen Resultat.

Bei der Sitzung am 24. August unterbreitete der Vorsitzende eine Vorlage eines Berichtes, die sorgfältig geprüft wurde. Nach weiterem Studium der Vorlage durch die andern Pastoren des Ausschusses hatten wir am Mittwoch nachmittag noch eine Sitzung, bei welcher in einigen Punkten Einigung erzielt wurde. Jedoch, man kam zu der Ueberzeugung, daß zwei Berichte unterbreitet werden müssen.

Die Unterzeichneten berichteten nun wie folgt:

Es ist gewiß wahr, daß Reformiertes Bekenntnisbewußtsein am besten in einer Anstalt, die unter der Aufsicht einer oder mehrerer Reformierten Syn-

oden steht, gepflegt werden kann. Ist aber die Generalsynode in ihrer Vertretung überwiegend modern eingestellt, dann muß das Missionshaus früher oder später seinen bekenntnismäßigen Charakter verlieren. Soll die Anstalt ihren Reformierten Charakter behalten, so müssen entweder Reformierte Synoden oder Gemeinden das Recht behalten, in wesentlichen Angelegenheiten mitzuwirken.

Am besten wäre es, wenn eine oder mehrere wirklich Reformierte Synoden die Aufsicht über unser Missionshaus führen könnten. Der „Plan of Union" erlaubt es den alten Synoden: "They shall also continue to hold and to supervise whatever property they possess and institutions they control." Aber der Ausschuß für die neue Konstitution hat in doppelter Weise dies unbeachtet gelassen, indem er einerseits so nebenhin die Ausschaltung der bestehenden Synoden bewerkstelligte, andrerseits auch empfahl, daß die Aufsicht über die theologische Ausbildung, die bisher von den Synoden ausgeübt worden ist, an die Generalsynode übertragen werde. Und die Generalsynode hat durch Annahme der ihr vorgelegten Konstitution die Handlungen des Ausschusses gutgeheißen. Es ist aber ganz klar, daß uns dadurch ein Unrecht angetan worden ist.

Nachdem unser Ausschuß die erste Sitzung gehabt hatte, hatte der Vorsitzende desselben einen Briefwechsel mit Dr. Richards, dem Präsidenten der ehrwürdigen Generalsynode. Wir erhielten von ihm das folgende Geständnis: "You have doubtless some ground for referring to the Plan of Union. It may be possible that the Constitution has gone a little too far ahead of the Plan of Union. It was in the mind of the Committee that if the Classes and Districts would adopt the advance made beyond the Plan of Union, it would mean a revision of the Plan by a two-thirds vote, as is provided in the Plan, Article 12, Section 3."

Mit Bezug auf diese Aeußerung schrieb der Vorsitzende an Dr. Richards: "It is to be regretted that the Committee on Constitution supposed that it would mean a revision of the Plan of Union by a two-thirds vote, as provided in the plan, if the new Constitution, which departs from the Plan of Union in important provisions, is ratified by the Classes and Districts in proper manner. I think, that the Committee would have had a very difficult task, if it had submitted the changes as amendments to the Plan of Union. But now many of the Classes may be willing to scrap the whole Constitution because of these departures. We, however, who can see how much is at stake, are willing to take our stand on the Plan of Union. And I am glad that you have admitted that we have some ground for referring to the Plan of Union, and say: 'It is possible that the Constitution has gone a little too far ahead of the Plan of Union.' " Wir sind dem Präsidenten Dr. Richards sehr dankbar für seine aufrichtige Erklärung, welche wir als sein persönliches Urteil schätzen.

Wir sollten an dieser Stelle wohl auch folgende Aeußerung des Präsidenten mitteilen: "I have been wondering, whether it would be possible, after the Constitution is declared to be adopted, to offer an amendment which would make room in the new church for the things that you are asking, for example, the pledging of licentiates and professors in your institution. I am simply raising this issue without being able to assure anyone that such a thing would be done by General Synod. It would be a possible way,

however, of meeting what is a sincere and conscientious protest." Das ist eine wohlgemeinte Erklärung, die wir im Auge behalten dürfen. Wir sollten aber auch nicht versäumen, auf die im Plan of Union uns verbrieften Rechte hinzuweisen.

Wir empfehlen folgendes zur Beschlußnahme:

1. Wir richten folgende Erklärung an die Generalsynode: The Synod of the Northwest holds that the elimination of the Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States was not warranted by the provisions of the Plan of Union and can therefore be successfully contested. (However, this Synod does not deem it advisable to seek action. It expects the same attitude on the part of General Synod.)

2. Die Synode des Nordwestens teilt der Ehrw. Generalsynode mit, daß es die Meinung der Synode sei, daß die Uebertragung der Aufsicht über die theologische Ausbildung an die Generalsynode in Kollision komme mit den Rechten der Synoden, welche bisher die Aufsicht über die theologische Ausbildung im Missionshaus hatten. Wir richten daher folgendes Gesuch an die Ehrw. Generalsynode: The Synod of the Northwest respectfully petitions the Reverend General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to declare those provisions of the new Constitution and By-laws contrary to the Plan of Union which reserve to the General Synod the supervision of theological education.

3. We respectfully petition the Reverend General Synod to declare that it will be lawful to require of professors, pastors, and licentiates to pledge themselves to adhere to the doctrinal system contained in only one of the standards as specified by the Boards or Congregations involved of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

4. Entweder: Die Synode des Nordwestens der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten soll in ihrer Organisation als ein Zwischengericht über den Klassen weiterbestehen, bis sie von der Ehrw. Generalsynode durch geeignete Anordnungen und Beschlüsse derselben die Garantie dafür hat, daß die Autorität des Heidelberger Katechismus im Gebiet der Synode des Nordwestens gewahrt bleibt.

Oder: Wir ersuchen ehrerbietigst die Generalsynode, zu bestimmen, daß auf eine geeignete Entlassung von Seiten der bestehenden Klassen diejenigen Gemeinden, die nach Sektion 3 der neuen Kirchenordnung in den Differenzpunkten der Lehre an der Interpretation des Heidelberger Katechismus festhalten wollen, sich zu einer neuen Synode im Sinn der neuen Konstitution zusammenschließen dürfen.

5. Wir ersuchen die Klassen, sich nicht zu rasch mit den Distrikten der Evangelischen Kirche zu verschmelzen, da in Sachen der Anstalten, Charterveränderungen usw. noch ferner von der Synode gehandelt werden müssen. Auch nötigt die Annahme der neuen Konstitution zu energischem Handeln gegen die Ueberhandnahme des Modernismus, besonders im Erziehungs- und Publikationswesen der Kirche.

6. Sodann ersuchen wir die Ehrw. Generalsynode, durch ihren Generalrat (General Council) mit einem von dieser oder der neuen Reformierten Synode zu ernennenden Ausschuß in Beratung treten zu wollen hinsichtlich einer an-

gemessenen Beteiligung dieser Synode an der Aufsicht über und Verwaltung des Missionshauses.

7. Wir empfehlen denjenigen Gemeinden in unserm Gebiet, die in den Differenzpunkten der Lehre an den Lehren des Heidelberger Katechismus festhalten wollen, in ihrer nächsten Jahresversammlung oder schon früher solches förmlich zu beschließen und es an die zuständigen Klassen zu berichten.

8. Wir ersuchen die Ehrwürdige Generalsynode, solchen Gemeinden in unserm und in andern Gebieten der Kirche ein Vorschlagsrecht bei der Wahl der Behördeglieder und bei der Wahl eines Professors der Theologie einzuräumen.

9. Wir erteilen den Klassen in unserm Gebiet den Rat, die Generalsynode zu ersuchen, ein Amendment zu den Nebengesetzen anzunehmen und den Klassen zur Annahme zu unterbreiten, nach welchem die Besetzungskomiteen (Placement Committees) denjenigen Gemeinden, die in Differenzpunkten der Lehre an der Interpretation des einen oder des andern Katechismus festhalten, nur solche Prediger vorschlagen sollen, die sich allein auf die Lehren des betreffenden Bekenntnisses verpflichten lassen.

10. Wir ersuchen die Ehrw. Behörde des Missionshauses, eine angemessene Veränderung des Charters der Anstalt, ein Nominationsrecht der Reformierten Gemeinden vorsehend, vorzuschlagen. (Jeder Kirchenrat für eine jede vakante Stelle einen beliebigen Kandidaten vorschlagen und die Behörde des Missionshauses hätte dann zwischen den dreien, welche bei der Nomination die meisten Stimmen erhalten, zu wählen.)

Die vorangehenden Empfehlungen, beziehungsweise Beschlüsse genügen aber noch nicht, wenn die Autorität unsers Bekenntnisses, ja auch die Autorität der Heiligen Schrift im Missionshaus dauernd Anerkennung finden soll; sie muß auch in den andern Werken und Tätigkeiten der Kirche, im Erziehungs- und Publikationswerk und in der Tätigkeit aller Behörden und Agenturen in angemessener Weise zur Geltung kommen, sonst wird sich diese Geltung auf die Dauer auch im Missionshaus nicht erhalten lassen. Das Missionshaus ist sozusagen unsre Hauptfestung für die heilsame Lehre. Die Außenwerke an beiden Flanken, an der Vorderseite und im Rücken sind das Erziehungs- und Publikationswerk und alle behördlichen Tätigkeiten. Nimmt nun der Feind, der die Bekenntnisse und die Autorität der Schrift leugnende Modernismus die Außenwerke der Festung ein, so muß schließlich auch die Festung ihm in die Hände fallen. Wird durch die Tätigkeit anderer Behörden die Geltung der Bekenntnisse und die Autorität der Schrift untergraben in den Gemeinden und bei den Predigern des Worts, dann wird das Missionshaus mit seiner Behörde und Professoren folgen.

Wir schlagen daher ferner noch vor:

11. Wir ersuchen die Ehrw. Generalsynode dafür zu sorgen, daß in der Sonntagsschulliteratur und im „Messenger" die Sonntagsschullektionen von solchen Theologen erklärt werden, die noch an den Bekenntnissen festhalten.

12. Wir verlangen eine den Bekenntnissen nicht ins Angesicht schlagende Rezension der Erscheinungen auf dem Büchermarkt, wie auch überhaupt eine biblisch-positive und bekenntnismäßige Haltung unsrer einzigen englischen Kirchenzeitung für die ganze Kirche. Wenn uns hierin nicht entgegengekommen

wird, so können wir nicht für die Verbreitung dieser Zeitung wirken und werden anderswie für unsre Bedürfnisse sorgen müssen.

13. The Synod of the Northwest respectfully petitions the Reverend General Synod to declare null and void the following passage in section 108 of the new By-laws: "their understandings, their attitudes, their ideals, their convictions." This is not in agreement with the doctrinal basis, Section 3 of the Constitution, which makes the word of God the final norm and the doctrinal statements a safe guide.

14. We respectfully petition the General Synod to see to it that neither the Commission of Social Action nor any other agency of the Church can carry on a political propaganda in the Church.

15. We respectfully petition the Reverend General Synod of the Evangelical and the Reformed Church to insist unflinchingly on a presbyterial line of procedure in the administration of church affairs, namely, that the approval of General Synod must be obtained, before an editorial policy determined upon by the Administrative Committee of the General Council is carried out in practice (92 a, of By-laws). Furthermore, it would be unconstitutional, we believe, for the same committee to interpret the doctrinal position of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and publish such interpretation without first obtaining the approval of the church judicatories in the same manner as the approval of the doctrinal statement itself was obtained. And as the words "or the General Council" at the close of the paragraph 92 a, are clearly contrary to the explicit provision of the Constitution, which makes officers, executive committee or General Council and the Boards amenable to the General Synod (Section 36-38), the Reverend General Synod, we trust, will gladly declare the words "or the General Council" unconstitutional and remove them from Section 92 a, of the By-laws.

Achtungsvoll,

Caleb Hauser.
Henry Rodewald.

Postskriptum: Die noch nicht bezahlten Unkosten des Ausschusses betragen:
$5.52 Meilengelder für Pastor R. Rettig,
.60 für Telephongebühren (F. Knatz).

Bericht eines Teiles des Spezialausschusses No. III (von 1936).

(Zweiter Bericht)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Geliebte Brüder! Die Eingabe an die Ehrw. Synode, wie sie von Ihrem Ausschuß übergeben wurde, lautet wie folgt:

„An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Geliebte Brüder! Damit auch für unsre Nachkommen Prediger des Evangeliums mit Reformiertem Bekenntnisbewußtsein in unsrer Kirche ausgebildet werden können, ist es sehr wichtig, daß die Synode des Nordwestens ihre Existenz nicht preisgebe, sondern weiter bestehe und daß sie ihren Anteil an der Aufsicht über das von den Vätern gegründete Missionshaus festhalte, wie es ja auch der ‚Plan of Union' mit folgenden Worten freistellt: 'They shall also continue to hold and to supervise whatever

property they possess and institutions they control. (VIII, 1) The theological seminaries, colleges, academies, and benevolent institutions that are under the control of subordinate judicatories of the respective churches shall continue under the supervision of the Synods, Classes or Districts which are in control of them before the Union. (VIII, 2).'

Ich ersuche daher die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens, ihr oben angedeutetes Recht nicht fahren zu lassen.

Achtungsvoll,

Caleb Hauser."

Nach drei fruchtlosen Versuchen Ihres Ausschusses, sich in dieser Sache zu einigen, fühlen wir uns genötigt, folgendes Ehrw. Synode zu unterbreiten. Wir haben versucht, dem Sinn der vorliegenden Eingabe gerecht zu bleiben und Genüge zu leisten, indem wir uns auf die Wahrung der Existenz unsrer Synode und ihrem Anteil an unserm Missionshaus beschränken.

Wir empfehlen daher folgendes zur Beschlußnahme:

1. Nach dem „Plan of Union" (V. 7), welcher lautet: "The General Synod shall not have power to unite subordinate judicatories of the consolidated churches except at their request," sowie nach der Aussage des Sekretärs der Exekutive der Generalsynode ist Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens nicht genötigt, ihre Existenz preiszugeben, es sei denn, daß sie es selber bestimme. Somit ist ihre fernere Beteiligung an der Aufsicht über und Verwaltung des Missionshauses nicht gefährdet.

2. Wir ersuchen unsre Klassen in ihrer eventuellen Vereinigung mit den Distrikten der Evangelischen Synode ihre kirchliche und gerichtliche Existenz inne zu behalten so lange wie nötig, da in Sachen der Anstalten, Charterveränderungen usw. noch ferner von der Synode gehandelt werden muß.

3. Wir ersuchen die Behörde unsers Missionshauses, auch fernerhin angehende theologische Professoren auf das Bekenntnis der Reformierten Kirche, wie es im Heidelberger Katechismus dargelegt ist, zu verpflichten.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

R. Rettig.

F. W. Knatz.

Beschluß der Synode:

Hier wurde Pkt. 7 aus dem Bericht für Lehranstalten vom Tisch aufgenommen und angenommen.

Beide Berichte nebst Pkt. 7 Lehranstalten, wurden dann einem Spezialausschuß von 5 Gliedern überwiesen, von dem Prof. Dr. K. J. Ernst Vorsitzender sein soll. Der Ausschuß soll auf Grund der beiden Berichte einen einheitlichen Bericht ausarbeiten und der Synode in 1938 vorlegen.

Bericht des Spezialausschusses IV (von 1936).

„Wegzug von Gliedern."

(Uebersetzung)

Liebe Brüder! Nicht alle Klassen haben im vergangenen Jahr Ausschüsse ernannt, die sich mit dem Zentral-Ausschuß in Verbindung setzen sollten, um Verlusten vorzubeugen, die durch Wegzug von Gliedern entstehen würden. Es wurden keine Namen eingereicht, weshalb Ihr Ausschuß auch nicht funktionieren

konnte. Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt daher, daß alle Klassen ersucht werden, einen solchen Ausschuß zu ernennen, der nach dem vorgeschriebenen Plan arbeiten soll.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

W. L. Huber.
L. A. Moser.
Wm. Eggler.

Der Bericht wurde angenommen.

4. Klassikalverhandlungen.

(Uebersetzung)

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß hat die Protokolle der verschiedenen Klassen erhalten. Nach sorgfältiger Prüfung möchte Ihr Ausschuß die Aufmerksamkeit der Synode auf folgende Punkte lenken:

I. Tadelnswerte Dinge.

1. Minnesota-Klassis:

a) Teilt mit, daß sie Pastor Buetelle eine Entlassung gegeben hat, wenn es heißen sollte, daß sie ihn aufnahm.

b) Nimmt auf Student Siegfried Schmiechen ohne anzugeben woher.

2. Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

a) Nimmt auf Pastor Wm. Korn ohne anzugeben woher.

b) Teilt nicht mit, welche Handlungen bei den Punkten auf Seite 11, 12 und 20 geschahen. Aus einem Bericht eines Spezialausschusses geht aber hervor, daß diese Punkte einem vorher ernannten Ausschuß überwiesen wurden.

c) Auf Seite 20, Pkt. 13, inbezug auf die Auflösung der Ebenezer-Gemeinde der Miller-Pfarrstelle, wird keine Handlung der Klassis berichtet.

3. Ursinus-Klassis:

a) Sagt nicht, was mit Punkt 16, Schriftliche Eingaben, geschehen ist, obgleich später ein Spezialausschuß über diesen Punkt berichtet.

4. Portland-Oregon-Klassis:

a) Uebersieht wiederum die Regel, nicht mehr als einen Bericht auf eine Seite zu schreiben.

5. Die meisten der klassikalen Schreiber könnten etwas sorgfältiger sein bei dem Niederschreiben der Zahlen.

Handlung der Synode:

I, 1 a, 2 a, b, c, 3 a, 4 a wurden angenommen.

I, 1 b wurde gestrichen.

I, 5 wurde angenommen und die Aufmerksamkeit der Ständigen Schreiber der Klassen wird auf diesen Punkt gelenkt.

II. Gesuche und Ueberweisungen.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis:

Die Sheboygan-Klassis ersucht die Exekutive der Synode des Nordwestens, Vorkehrungen zu treffen, daß die Sache eines Protestes inbezug auf eine gewisse Handlung der Generalsynode, inbezug auf die Eigentumsrechte des Sustentations-Fonds unsrer Kirche Berücksichtigung finde.

Handlung der Synode:

Dieser Punkt wurde dem Ausschuß für Predigerversorgung überwiesen.

III. Appelationen und Beschwerden.

1. Portland-Oregon-Klassis:

a) Beschwert sich, daß die gedruckten Verhandlungen nicht rechtzeitig angekommen sind. Ersucht Synode, den Ständigen Schreiber zu instruieren, daß die Verhandlungen rechtzeitig ankommen.

2. Nebraska-Klassis:

a) Erklärt die Handlung der Synode im Widerspruch mit der Konstitution. Der folgende Beschluß wurde angenommen: In Bezug auf das Gesuch der Süd-Dakota-Klassis, die die Zustimmung der Nebraska-Klassis verlangt, die Freie Reformierte Gemeinde in ihren Verband aufzunehmen, teilt Nebraska-Klassis durch eine besondere Handlung der Synode des Nordwestens mit, daß die Handlung der Synode in dieser Sache gegen die Konstitution verstößt und daher null und nichtig ist.

b) In Antwort auf den Spezialausschuß II, der die Nebraska-Klassis tadelte, beschließt die Klassis:

In Sachen der Klarstellung, des Grundsatzes und der Gerechtigkeit sieht sich die Nebraska-Klassis gezwungen, die Aufmerksamkeit der Generalsynode auf eine Handlung der Synode des Nordwestens zu lenken, in welcher die Exekutive an die Generalsynode eine Sache, die sich mit verschiedenen Angelegenheiten der Nebraska-Klassis befaßt, nach Artikel 157 bis 160, an die Generalsynode zur Entscheidung überweist. In dieser Verbindung möchten wir die folgende Aufklärung und Ansicht geben. (Verhandlungen der Synode des Nordwestens, Seite 25, Punkt 2, 1936.)

Nichtsdestoweniger einer Entscheidung der Generalsynode (siehe Verhandlungen der Generalsynode von 1929, Punkt 3 und 4, Seite 381 und 382), die sich besonders mit einem solchen Fall befaßt, nämlich, daß eine Klassis in einem solchen Fall unumschränkt (souvereign) ist und hat das Recht zu handeln, wie in ihrem Urteil der Fall verlangen mag, und nichtsdestoweniger, daß Synode des Nordwestens eine ähnliche Entscheidung (Verhandlungen der Synode des Nordwestens 1926, Seite 23, II, 1—4; englischer Teil Seite 94) getroffen hat, in welcher sie die Generalsynode ersucht, Schritte zu unternehmen, irgend einem Pastor unsrer Kirche zu verbieten, eine Oppositionsgemeinde zu bedienen, hat diese Synode die Nebraska-Klassis getadelt, weil sie irgend einem Pastor unsrer Kirche verboten hat, eine abtrünnnige, anders bekannt als Oppositionsgemeinde, in ihren Grenzen zu bedienen, und besteht darauf, daß die Klassis für eine solche Handlung getadelt werden soll. Der Fall, um den es sich handelt, bezieht sich auf die abtrünnige Gemeinde in Sutton, Nebraska.

Angesichts der Tatsache, daß die Klassis eine Handlung in Uebereinstimmung mit besagter Entscheidung der Generalsynode genommen hat, welche der Klassis das Hoheitsrecht einräumt, zu handeln, wie in einem solchen Fall nach ihrem Urteil der Fall verlangen mag, und in Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß die Generalsynode besonders erklärt hat, daß die einzigen Gründe für einen Tadel die Verletzung der Konstitution der Kirche oder eine Verletzung des Anstandes oder eine Vernachlässigung der Pflicht ist, und da die Handlung der Klassis in keiner Weise diese Ursachen für einen Tadel berührt, so ersucht die Nebraska-Klassis achtungsvoll die Generalsynode, zu dieser Frage Stellung zu nehmen. Wir unterbreiten achtungsvoll diese Angelegenheit mit der Absicht, daß das

Brandmal des ungerechtfertigten Tadels von der Nebraska-Klassis beseitigt werde und Klassis von der Schande befreit werde.

3. Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

a) Beschließt inbezug auf Pkt. 2, Seite 23 und 24, in den Verhandlungen der Synode: Wir machen die Synode darauf aufmerksam, daß das besagte Gesuch nicht von der Exekutive der Süd-Dakota-Klassis ausgegangen ist, noch von ihr als solches unterzeichnet war, und daß das Gesuch nichts enthielt, was dem Schreiber der Synode das Recht gegeben hätte, so zu protokollieren. Wir ersuchen daher Ehrw. Synode, eine dementsprechende Korrektur im nächsten Protokoll erscheinen zu lassen.

b) Sendet die folgende Mitteilung zur Klarstellung: Da die Nebraska-Klassis der Süd-Dakota-Klassis unter dem Datum vom 12. August 1936 mitteilte, daß sie Notiz genommen habe von der ordnungswidrigen Handlungsweise des Pastors U. Zogg, eines Gliedes der Süd-Dakota-Kl., verrichtet in der Oppositionsgemeinde in Sutton, Nebraska, und da die Nebraska-Klassis dieses, nach einer Mitteilung vom 10. Mai 1937, als Information an die Synode berichtet hat und da sie sich geweigert hat, der Süd-Dakota-Klassis auf ihr Ersuchen hin Zeit, Ort und Natur solch ordnungswidriger Handlungen mitzuteilen, und da die Süd-Dakota-Klassis nach näherer Einsicht in die Sache durch die Exekutivbeamten zu der Ueberzeugung gekommen ist, daß nichts Wahres an dieser indirekten Anschuldigung ist, so fühlt sich die Süd-Dakota-Klassis gedrungen, Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens zu ihrer Information mitzuteilen, daß dieser Information der Nebraska-Klassis jegliche materielle Grundlage fehlt.

Beschluß der Synode:

Punkt III, 1. Protokolliert: Erledigt durch den Bericht des Ständigen Schreibers.

Punkt III, 2 a, b und 3 a, b, überwiesen an den Justizausschuß mit Punkt 2 aus Schriftlichen Eingaben.

IV. Entscheidungen über Angelegenheiten, die den Klassen von der Synode überwiesen wurden.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis:

a) Ernennt ihre Exekutive als Ausschuß, dem die Namen von Gliedern, die außerhalb der Klassis verziehen, eingereicht werden sollen.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis:

a) Ernennt den Missionshausausschuß, dem die Namen von Gemeindegliedern, die außerhalb der Klassis verziehen, eingereicht werden sollen.

3. Ursinus-Klassis:

a) Ernennt einen Ausschuß für Streichung, Entlassungen und Wegzug von Gliedern in ihren Gemeinden.

4. Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

a) Hält nicht viel von der Männerliga und hat keine Neigung, dieselben ins Leben zu rufen.

b) Ist auch nicht geneigt, Frauenmissionsvereine ins Leben zu rufen.

5. Im allgemeinen haben die Klassen alle Angelegenheiten, die ihnen überwie-

sen wurden, in wohlwollender Weise berücksichtigt, und in den meisten Fällen wörtlich ausgeführt.

Handlung der Synode:

IV, 1, 2, 3 angenommen, 4 a überwiesen an Ausschuß für Männerliga, 4 b überwiesen an Ausschuß für Frauenmissionsvereine.

V. **Lizensur, Ordination, Aufnahme, Entlassungen, etc.**

1. Sheboygan-Klassis:

a. Entläßt Pastor E. F. Franz an die Chicago-Klassis, Mid-West-Synode.
b. Nimmt auf Pastor Wilson M. Bixler von der Ft. Wayne-Klassis, Midwest-Synode.
c. Entläßt Pastor John Mohr an die Milwaukee-Klassis.
d. Nimmt auf Pastor Gilbert Wernecke von der Milwaukee-Klassis.
e. Eine Entlassung von Pastor Carl Grimm von der Lincoln-Klassis wurde auf den Tisch gelegt, bis die Klassis ein Gesuch um Aufnahme von ihm erlangen sollte.
f. In Uebereinstimmung mit einem Gesuch der Nebraska-Klassis wird die Aufmerksamkeit von Pastor H. K. Hartmann auf eine Unregelmäßigkeit gelenkt, daß er nicht zu der Klassis gehört, in deren Grenzen er wohnt. (Artikel 31 der Konstitution).
g. Prüft Student Theophil Blaufuß, lizensiert, ordiniert und installiert ihn.
h. Nimmt auf Lizentiat Siegfried Schmiechen von der Minnesota-Klassis, ordiniert und installiert ihn.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis:

a. Erlaubt Pastor A. Achtermann, die Watertown-Gemeinde zu bedienen.
b. Entläßt Pastor G. O. Wernecke an die Sheboygan-Klassis.
c. Entläßt Pastor A. Ruehlman an die Missouri-Kansas-Klassis, Midwest-Synode.
d. Nimmt auf Pastor John Mohr von der Sheboygan-Klassis.
e. Entläßt Pastor Walter Baumgartner an die Minnesota-Klassis.

3. Minnesota-Klassis:

a. Löst das Pastoralverhältnis zwischen Pastor F. Wichser und der Reformierten Zwingli-Gemeinde in Rice Lake, Wis., auf und gibt ihm Erlaubnis, sich einem weltlichen Beruf zu widmen. Dieses Gesuch, im weltlichen Beruf weiter zu arbeiten, muß in einem jeden Jahr erneuert werden.
b. Nimmt auf Pastor Michael C. Buetelle von dem Dubuque-Presbyterium der Presbyterianer-Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten, Jowa-Synode. Eine Empfehlung, sich der Reformierten Zions-Gemeinde in Waukon, Jowa, anzuschließen, wurde ihm gegeben.

4. Nebraska-Klassis:

a. Entläßt Pastor Dietrich Buelter an den Missouri-Distrikt, Evangelische und Reformierte Kirche.
b. Da Pastor Carl S. Green seine Gemeinde, die Reformierte Zionsgemeinde in Harvard, Nebraska, verlassen hat, um eine Congregationalisten-Kirche in Scotland, Süd-Dakota, ohne Erlaubnis der Klassis zu bedienen, so wurde sein Name von der Liste der Evangelischen und Reformierten Kirche gestrichen.

c. Macht die Sheboygan-Klassis auf die Unregelmäßigkeit aufmerksam, daß Pastor H. K. Hartmann noch ein Glied dieser Klassis ist, während er in den Grenzen der Nebraska-Klassis sich befindet.

d. Nimmt auf Pastor H. R. Burkett von der Missouri-Kansas-Klassis, Midwest-Synode.

5. Ursinus-Klassis:

a. Bestätigt Pastor S. Elliker als Aushilfspastor für Odebolt.

b. Bestätigt Pastor Samuel Ramaker als Aushilfspastor für Newton.

6. Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

a. Nimmt auf Pastor Wm. Korn von der West-Canada-Klassis.

7. Portland-Oregon-Klassis:

a. Keine.

8. West-Canada-Klassis:

a. Entläßt Pastor Geo. Wolfe an die Eureka-Klassis.

9. Eureka-Klassis:

a. Nimmt auf Pastor Geo. Wolfe von der West-Canada-Klassis.

b. Nimmt auf und examiniert Pastor Otto Hoffner von der Germania-Klassis, Reformierte Kirche in Amerika.

c. Ein Gesuch von Herrn Fr. Drucker für Aufnahme, Prüfung, Lizensur und Ordination und Installation wurde nicht gewährt. Die Klassis aber unternimmt Schritte, ihm darin behilflich zu sein, daß die herrschenden Schwierigkeiten beseitigt und seine Bitte gewährt werden kann.

Gibt ihm den Rat, sich einer Gemeinde der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten anzuschließen, wonach ihm dann Erlaubnis erteilt werden soll, als Hilfspastor in der Streeter und Medina-Pfarrstelle von Mai bis zum Schulanfang des Ersten Semesters im Missionshaus zu dienen.

d. Macht Pastor C. T. Nuß auf eine Unregelmäßigkeit in seinem Verhältnis zur Klassis gemäß Artikel 91 der Konstitution (1908-Ausgabe) aufmerksam.

e. Entläßt Pastor G. Gaiser an den Colorado-Distrikt der Evangelischen Synode.

10. California-Klassis:

a. Nimmt auf Pastor A. W. Ogston, B.A., B.D., von der Konferenz von Britisch Columbia der Vereinigten Kirche in Canada.

b. Entläßt Pastor Schei Kowta an das Presbyterium von Los Angeles, Presbyterianer-Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten.

Handlung der Synode:

Pkt. V, 4 b wurde dem Justizausschuß überwiesen.

Pkt. V, 1, 2, 3, 4 a, c, d, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 angenommen.

VI. Zeit und Ort der Sitzung der Klassen und Namen der Beamten.

1. Sheboygan-Klassis.

Zeit: Von der Exekutive zu bestimmen.

Ort: Wausau, Wis.

Präsident: Pastor A. Geo. Schmid, New Holstein, Wis.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor Caleb Hauser, R. 1, Campbellsport, Wis.
Schatzmeister: Pastor A. C. Plappert, R 3, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis.

Zeit: Ebenfalls der Exekutive überlassen.
Ort: Der Exekutive überlassen.
Präsident: Pastor C. Flueckinger, Belleville, Wis.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor R. P. Kuentzel, Reeseville, Wis.
Schatzmeister: Mr. J. J. Figi, New Glarus, Wis.

3. Minnesota-Klassis.

Zeit: April 26, 1938.
Ort: St. Paul, Minnesota.
Präsident: Pastor Esra Vornholt, Mormon Coulee, R. D., LaCrosse, Wisconsin.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor Ed. H. Oppermann, R. 1, Norwood, Minn.
Schatzmeister: Pastor Calvin Großhuesch, Klemme, Iowa.

4. Nebraska-Klassis.

Zeit: 5. Mai 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Ort: Sutton, Nebraska.
Präsident: Pastor Paul Traeger, Ph.D., Sutton, Nebr.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor C. Wm. Deglow, R. R., Columbus, Nebr.
Schatzmeister: Pastor A. O. Engelmann, R. 4, Humboldt, Nebr.

5. Ursinus-Klassis.

Zeit: Von der Exekutive zu bestimmen.
Ort: Melbourne, Iowa.
Präsident: Pastor Armin H. Tendick, Monticello, Iowa.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor Louis A. Moser, R. 1, Marengo, Iowa.
Schatzmeister: Mr. G. Matzinger, Huxley, Iowa.

6. Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

Zeit: Von der Exekutive zu bestimmen.
Ort: Von der Exekutive zu bestimmen.
Präsident: Pastor U. Zogg, Scotland, S. D.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor P. Schild, Delmont, S. D.
Schatzmeister: Pastor A. Kurtz, Marion, S. D.

7. Portland-Oregon-Klassis.

Zeit: 15. Februar 1938.
Ort: Erste Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirche in Portland, Oregon.
Präsident: Pastor J. G. Nace, Tillamook, Oregon.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor A. E. Wyß, 4833 N. E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon.
Schatzmeister: E. Baumann, 5216 N. E. 60th Ave., Portland, Ore.

8. West-Canada-Klassis.

Zeit: 8. Juni 1938, 8 P.M.
Ort: Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Präsident: Pastor C. H. Reppert, Stony Plain, Alta., Canada.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor John F. Krieger, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada.
Schatzmeister: Mr. Andrew Unterschuetz, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.

9. Eureka-Klassis.

Zeit: 10. Mai 1938, 7:30 P.M.
Ort: Artas-Gemeinde, Artas, S. Dakota.
Präsident: Pastor W. J. Krieger, Eureka, S. D.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor W. Großmann, Hosmer, S. D.
Schatzmeister: Pastor E. Kaempchen, Fullerton, S. D.

10. California-Klassis.

Zeit: 24. Februar 1938, 8 P.M.
Ort: Japanese Reformed Church, Los Angeles, Cal.
Präsident: Pastor Ed. F. Evemeyer, D.D., 332 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, California.
Ständiger Schreiber: Pastor R. Birk, 232 S. Pleasant Ave, Lodi, Cal.
Schatzmeister: John Mettler, Jr., 704 W. Elm Street, Lodi, Cal.

Handlung der Synode: Pkt VI wurde angenommen.

VII. Handlung der Klassen der Synode des Nordwestens über die neue Konstitution und Nebengesetze, wie von der Generalsynode in 1936 unterbreitet für Annahme oder Verwerfung.

1. Angenommen von der Sheboygan-, Milwaukee-, Nebraska- und West-Canada-Klassis, im ganzen 4.
2. Handlung verschoben bis zur nächsten Jahressitzung von der Minnesota-Klassis.
3. Ursinus-Klassis verweist die Abstimmung an die einzelnen Gemeinden mit dem Ersuchen, das Resultat der Abstimmung an die Gemeinden in den nächsten 90 Tagen zu berichten.
4. Süd-Dakota-Klassis beschließt, die Konstitution abzulehnen für angegebene Gründe.
5. Portland-Oregon-Klassis verschiebt die endgültige Abstimmung auf eine vertagte Sitzung am 28. September 1937. Macht ernstliche Einwände gegen die vorgeschlagene Pacific-Coast-Synode und besteht darauf, daß die Portland-Oregon-Klassis mit dem gegenwärtig bestehenden Pacific Northwest-Distrikt verbunden und zu einer Pacific Northwest-Synode verbunden werde.

   Bemerkung des Ständigen Schreibers: In der Spezialsitzung vom 28. September nimmt Klassis die Konstitution an, stellt aber Bedingungen inbezug auf die Grenzen der neuen Synode.
6. Eureka-Klassis erklärt, daß die Union nicht bestehe, gibt Gründe an. Keine Abstimmung.
7. California-Klassis nimmt an, macht aber Wünsche geltend für die Grenzen der Synode, welche die California-Klassis enthalten sollen.

Zusammenstellung der Handlungen der 10 Klassen:
Angenommen von 4
Angenommen und Grenzen für neue Synode gewünscht — 2

Handlung vertagt—Einwände gegen vorgeschlagene Synode— 1, später erledigt
Handlung vertagt — 2
Verworfen — 1
Keine Abstimmung — 1.

Handlung der Synode: Pkt. VII wurde angenommen.

VIII. **Verschiedenes.**

1. Sheboygan-Klassis:

a) Ernennt ein Spezial-Komitee zur Erwägung, ob es ratsam sei, für die betagten Pastoren entsprechende Wohnung zu gründen.

b) Da die Klassis unter dem Eindruck ist, daß die Erste Reformierte Gemeinde in Appleton keine Zukunft hat, so wird die Exekutive beauftragt, diese Gemeinde mit der Evangelischen St. Johannes-Gemeinde (E-Gruppe) zu vereinigen.

c) Heißt die Teilung der Elkhart Lake-Pfarrstelle, Zoar-Gemeinde und Trinitatisgemeinde gut.

d) Heißt die Vereinigung zwischen Reformierter Trinitatis-Gemeinde und Evangelischer St. Johannes-Gemeinde in Elkhart Lake gut.

e) Beauftragt Pastor Elmer Jaberg, an die Gemeinden der Klassis zu appellieren um Gelder aufzubringen, damit Frl. Gertrude Zenk nach Central China-College als Missionarin gehen kann.

f) Da es für einen Pastor eine heikle Sache ist, in Sachen der Predigerunterstützung eigene Leute seiner Gemeinde anzusprechen, so ernannte Klassis einen Ausschuß, daß am Predigerunterstützungstag im November ein Kanzelaustausch stattfinden kann, um die Not für Predigerunterstützung klar zu legen.

g) Ernennt einen Delegaten zu dem Wisconsin-Konzil von Kirchen.

f) Ernennt einen Spezialausschuß, der sich mit ähnlichen Komiteen der Evangelischen Distrikte inbezug auf Grenzen in Verbindung setzen soll.

2. Milwaukee-Klassis:

a) Ernennt Delegaten zu dem Wisconsin Kirchenkonzil.

3. Ursinus-Klassis:

a) Beschließt, $150.00 an Pastor S. Elliker für Bedienung der Odebolt-Gemeinde zu bezahlen aus den Zinsen des Boone-Fonds der Klassis, nebst einem genügenden Betrag von dem Geld für Einheimische Mission aus der klassikalen Wohltätigkeitskasse, um den Betrag auszugleichen.

4. Minnesota-Klassis:

a) Nimmt eine jährliche Verantwortlichkeit auf sich von $350.00 und $400.00, zur Unterstützung der Fountain City-Eagle Valley-Pfarrstelle, sowie der Rice Lake-Gemeinde.

5. Süd-Dakota-Klassis:

a) Nimmt auf die Freie Reformierte Friedensgemeinde in Alpena, Süd-Dakota.

b) Beschließt, daß das Geld für Mission von nun an dem Schatzmeister für Einheimische Mission der Generalsynode gesandt werde, und nicht an den Schatzmeister des Departements des Nordwestens.

c) Bezahlt das volle Missionsgehalt für Pastor Wm. Korn für 1937 und benachrichtigt die Behörde von dieser Handlung.

d) Heißt die Vereinigung der beiden Gemeinden der Miller-Pfarrstelle gut.

6. Eureka-Klassis:

a) Heißt das Gesuch der Leola-Gemeinde, sich mit der Ashley-Pfarrstelle zu vereinigen, gut.

Handlung der Synode: Pkt. VIII, Notiznahme.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Otto A. Menke.
E. C. Jaberg.
H. Hintz.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde dann als Ganzes angenommen.

5. Schriftliche Eingaben.

Bericht des Ausschusses für Schriftliche Eingaben.

Liebe Brüder!

Ihrem Ausschuß wurden folgende Punkte überwiesen:

1. Gesuch von Pastor Birk um die Gelegenheit, die Synode anzureden: Einladung nach Lodi für Besucher.
2. Eine Mitteilung der Süd-Dakota-Klassis, Anschuldigung der Nebraska-Klassis gegen Pastor Zogg betreffend.
3. Bericht des Pastors Bodenman über Rußland-Hilfe.
4. Gesuch von Pastor E. Vornholt inbezug auf das Presbyterian Hymnal.
5. Gesuch von Pastor H. R. Burkett, worin er um Hilfe bittet für die Reformierte Zionsgemeinde zu Harvard, Nebraska.
6. Gesuch von den Pastoren Huber und Flueckinger, daß die Schreiber der Klassen in ihren Berichten angeben sollen, welche Empfehlungen angenommen oder verworfen worden sind.
7. Ein Gesuch an die Synode inbezug auf die Erklärung der Sonntagsschulliteratur.
8. Ein Dankesschreiben von Student Friedrich Drucker.

Achtungsvoll,

Wm. Huenemann.
E. C. Jaberg.
Emil Ritschards.

Handlung der Synode:

1. Das Gesuch wurde gewährt und Pastor Birk bekam Gelegenheit, während der Mittagsmahlzeit die Synode anzureden.
2. Wurde auf den Tisch gelegt bis nach Verhandlungen der Klassen, dann angenommen und an den Justizausschuß überwiesen.
3. Der Bericht wurde verlesen, angenommen, und Pastor Bodenman wird aufgefordert, noch weiter zu arbeiten.

Bericht über Rußlandhilfe.

Es ist immer noch nicht möglich, den in beständiger Not lebenden Deutschen in Rußland Gaben zukommen zu lassen. Man bringt sie hiermit nur in Gefahr noch größerer Verfolgung. Doch kann sich das mit Gottes Hilfe bald ändern. Man kann Rußland gegenwärtig am besten dienen, wenn man die in den Grenzgebieten Rußlands, in der polnischen Ukraine und in Wolhynien, neuerstandenen Reformierten Gemeinden stärken hilft.

Seit elf Jahren ist in der Ukraine eine Bewegung im Gang, die eine ganze Reihe Gemeindegründungen Reformierten Bekenntnisses hervorgebracht hat. Gegenwärtig stehen 16 Reformierte Arbeiter in diesem verheißungsvollen Feld, die unter großer Schwierigkeit arbeiten und ihr Kreuz geduldig tragen. Sie haben mit großer Armut zu kämpfen und sind aller Unterstützung wert. Es sind $31.75 eingegangen, $28.75 von Menno, $1.00 ungenannt von Dr. C. F. Heyl, und $2.00 von einem Freund in Colby, Wis. Hiervon sind 125 Schweizerfranken durch Pfarrer Dr. Gantenbein in der Schweiz bereits in die Ukraine abgegangen, und $3.00 sind noch an Hand. Da noch weitere Gaben versprochen worden sind, ersuchen wir Ehrw. Synode, mit der Sammlung weiterfahren zu dürfen.

John Bodenman.

Menno, S. D., 24. August 1937.

Punkt 4 wurde einem Spezialausschuß IV Hymnal überwiesen, der wie folgt berichtete:

Bericht des Spezialausschusses IV. Hymnal.

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens, Ref. Kirche in den V. S.

Ihr Spezialausschuß, der ernannt wurde, um das Gesangbuch, herausgegeben von dem General Assembly der Presbyterianer-Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika, zu prüfen, möchte achtungsvoll berichten, daß wir besagtes Gesangbuch als ausgezeichnet finden für eine Kirche mit Schottischen, Welschen, Irländischen und Presbyterianischen Vorfahren; aber wir sind überzeugt, daß es den Bedürfnissen unsrer Evangelisch-Reformierten Kirche nicht passend sein dürfte.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Henry C. Nott.
A. Kurtz.
Henry Neuhaus.

(Dieser Bericht wurde angenommen.)

Punkt 5 wurde überwiesen an Spezialausschuß No. V Harvard-Eingabe, der wie folgt berichtete:

(Uebersetzung)

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurde ein Gesuch von Pastor H. R. Burkett für finanzielle Unterstützung der Zionsgemeinde zu Harvard, Nebraska, überwiesen. Die Tatsachen in diesem Fall sind diese: Als die Gemeinde nicht imstand war, das Gehalt an Pastor Carl Green in voll zu bezahlen, gab sie ihm eine Note mit 9% Zinsen, die jetzt überfällig ist. Gegenwärtig ist die Gemeinde nicht imstand, diese Note zu bezahlen, weil die Farmer in den letzten

5 Jahren keine Ernten hatten, während einige Hospitalrechnungen und andere Beträge zu bezahlen sind. Nun hat Pastor Carl Green die Note in die Hände eines Rechtsanwaltes gelegt und droht mit einer Klage, um diese Note zu kollektieren.

In Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß

1. Die Gemeinde in den letzten Jahren numerisch so geschwächt worden ist, so daß sie jetzt nur noch 85 Glieder hat, und

2. Da die Gemeinde nicht für Missionsunterstützung gefragt hat und versucht, sich selbst zu unterstützen,

3. Weil die Gemeinde während des Pastorats von Pastor Moser die verschiedenen Zweige unsrere Kirche getreulich unterstützt hat,

so möchte Ihr Ausschuß folgendes empfehlen:

1. Die Synode instruiert die Gemeinde durch Pastor H. R. Burkett, den gegenwärtigen Pastor, daß sie eine Bezahlung der Note für $400.00 außerhalb des Gerichts, wenn irgend möglich, erlangen soll. Der ganze Betrag der Note ist $531.00.)

2. In dem Fall, daß ein solcher Vergleich zustand gebracht werden kann, wird der Schatzmeister unsrer Synode angewiesen, ein Darlehen im Betrag von $400.00 der Gemeinde mit 5% Zinsen zu gewähren, welches Darlehen von der Gemeinde in 3 jährlichen Bezahlungen zurückbezahlt werden muß.

3. In dem Fall, daß Pastor Green sich nicht mit $400.00 zufrieden geben will, soll Synode das Darlehen, wie oben angegeben, machen, und die Gemeinde soll dann den Restbetrag aufbringen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

E. H. Vornholt.
E. L. Hennig.
Fred W. Witte.

Dieser Bericht wurde angenommen.

Pkt. 6. Dieser Punkt wurde verworfen, weil er durch die stehende Regel der Synode gedeckt ist.

Pkt. 7. Wurde an den Ausschuß für Erziehung überwiesen.

Pkt. 8. Notiznahme.

Dann wurde beschlossen: Als „Stehende Regel" soll der Ausschuß für Schriftliche Eingaben die betreffenden Punkte besser und klarer angeben, damit man weiß, um was es sich handelt.

Der Bericht wurde dann als Ganzes angenommen.

6. Lehranstalten.

(Uebersetzung)

Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen:

1. Bericht aus dem Blaubuch, Exhibit No. I.
2. Ansprachen von Prof. Paul Großhuesch, D.D., Prof. J. Friedli, D.D., Pastoren E. H. Worthman und E. DeBuhr.

Beides, der gedruckte und die mündlichen Berichte über das Missionshaus zeugen von der bewahrenden Gnade unsers Gottes, wofür wir sehr dankbar

sind. Die Geschichte des Missionshauses ist eng verbunden mit der der Synode des Nordwestens. Es ist daher sehr am Platz, daß die Synode sich bei ihrem 75jährigen Jahresfest in ihren Hallen versammelt. Glaube in Christo war die Quelle ihrer Aufmunterung, sein Gebot verschaffte ihr Begeisterung, seine Hoffnung hat seinen Zweck bestimmt. Mit Freuden nehmen wir die wachsende Studentenzahl wahr, und wir sind stolz auf die christlich-gelehrte Stellung ihrer Lehrer und ihrer ergebenen Leiter.

Wir sind dankbar, zu wissen, daß einige unsrer Professoren, die durch Krankheit am Unterrichten verhindert waren, wieder hergestellt und imstand sind, ihren Pflichten nachzukommen.

Wir wünschen unsre Anerkennung Pastor Ernest Fledderjohn auszudrükken, der zu dem Lehrstuhl für Praktische Theologie erwählt worden ist, und wir stimmen der Wahl von Pastor Herman Ley, der die Stellung als Dekan der männlichen Studentenschaft angenommen hat, zu, und versprechen für sie die moralische Unterstützung der Synode.

Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt die Annahme der folgenden Punkte:

1. Da das Missionshaus der unmittelbaren Nachbarschaft besonders von Nutzen gewesen ist, so ist es die allgemeine Ansicht, daß diese, unsre Anstalt, ermuntert werde, von allen Freunden Geld zu sammeln, ganz abgesehen von ihrer Kirchenverbindung.

2. Daß die Synode aus ihrem Reserve-Fonds die Gabe von $2,500.00 dem Missionshaus als ein Geschenk überweise, und somit den Jubiläumsfonds um diesen Betrag vermehre.

3. Wir betrachten die bis jetzt gegebene Summe von $15,000 für den Jubiläumsfonds als nur einen geringen Ausdruck der Freude, und sind überzeugt, daß unsre Gemeinden der Aufforderung nachkommen werden, dieses Ereignis in würdiger Weise zu feiern, und fordern daher Klassen, Kirchenräte und Gemeinden auf, diesen Fonds in dem laufenden Jahr noch weiter zu vermehren.

4. Durch unsre Klassen und Pastoren möchten wir die Mitteilung besonders betonen inbezug auf den hohen scholastischen Standpunkt des Missionshauses, zugleich mit der wichtigen Tatsache, daß dies eine Anstalt ist, in welcher christliche Charakterbildung das allererste Ziel ist und wo das Unterrichtsgeld im Bereich der Durchschnittsfamilie steht.

5. Wir bedauern, daß die ausgesetzte Auflage von 85 Cents pro Glied nicht erreicht wurde, und daß nur 47 Cents pro Glied beigetragen wurden. Wir fordern alle unsre Gemeinden auf, die Anstalt in entsprechender Weise zu unterstützen.

6. Wir geben zu, daß finanzielle Unterstützung allein die Stelle des Gebets nicht einnehmen kann; darum fordern wir unsre Glieder auf, des Missionshauses in ihren Andachten zu gedenken.

7. Wir empfehlen, daß die Synode einen Spezialausschuß von 5 Gliedern ernennen soll, dessen Aufgabe es sein soll, alle Phasen in Betracht zu ziehen und zu studieren, die aus der schwebenden Kirchenvereinigung sich ergeben sollten, um solche Informationen der Synode für weitere Berücksichtigung zu unterbreiten.

8. Wir machen aufmerksam auf die Verhandlungen der Synode, Seite 9 im Blaubuch, Einkommen von der Farm, wo die Ausgaben die Einnahmen um $646.14 übertreffen, was beweist, daß man den Verbrauch der Farmerzeugnisse nicht in das Einkommen eingeschlossen hat.

9. Wir empfehlen die Zustimmung zu der Vergrößerung der Exekutive auf 5 Glieder mit einem Unterausschuß von 3 Gliedern.

10. Wir empfehlen die nötigen Abänderungen in der Konstitution, welche sich auf die Stellung des Hausvaters beziehen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

D. E. Bosma.
W. H. Huber.
Wm. Eggler.

Handlung der Synode:

Punkte 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 wurden angenommen.

Punkt 7 wurde angenommen und dann dem Spezialausschuß No. VI überwiesen, der 1938 berichten soll.

Punkte 9 und 10 wurden verworfen, dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

7 und 8. Mission und Kirchbaufonds.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Die folgenden Berichte, Eingaben und Ansprachen wurden Ihrem Ausschuß für Mission übermittelt:

1. Jahresbericht des Departements des Nordwestens der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde, Blaubuch, Seite 13.

2. Der Jahresbericht der Einheimischen Missionsbehörde der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten, Blaubuch, Seite 28.

3. Jahresbericht der Ausländischen Missionsbehörde, Blaubuch, Seite 32.

4. Die Ansprachen von Dr. A. V. Casselman, Sekretär der Ausländischen Missionsbehörde, Dr. T. P. Bolliger, Superintendent des Departements des Nordwestens, und von Dr. Paul H. Land, Hafenmissionar.

5. Punkt 1 von dem Bericht der Exekutive der Synode des Nordwestens, Hafenmission betreffend.

6. Punkt 15 von dem Bericht des Ausschusses an Generalsynode, Punkt 8, Seite 199.

Ihr Ausschuß hat die Berichte und Aufstellungen unsrer Missionsbehörden, wie im Blaubuch angegeben, durchgesehen, und möchte auf Grund dieser Berichte, der überwiesenen Punkte wie auch Ansprachen, folgendes zur Annahme empfehlen.

I. A. Einheimische Mission.

1. Daß wir dankbar davon Kenntnis nehmen, daß die Behörde alle Anstrengungen macht, um ihre finanzielle Lage zu verbessern, wie den 20,000-Klub, etc. In Anbetracht dieser Tatsache wird jede Gemeinde ernstlich ermahnt, die Auflage in voll einzuzahlen, um auf diese Weise die Notwendigkeit weiterer speziellen Sammlung auszuschalten.

2. Daß wir den in unsrer Kirche arbeitenden Missionaren unsre Anerkennung ausdrücken, und daß wir sie in unsre Gebete einschließen und ihnen unsre Unterstützung angedeihen lassen.

3. Daß die Gemeinden, die bis jetzt noch nicht das Auflagesystem, noch die wöchentlichen Sammlungen für Missionszwecke, angenommen haben, eine besondere Anstrengung zu Ostern und bei den Missionsfesten machen, um einen Betrag, der der Auflage gleich sein wird, aufzubringen.

4. Daß des Kirchbaufonds des Departements des Nordwestens mit einer Gabe an Pfingsten gedacht werde, das Ziel desselben soll 10 Cents pro Glied sein. Kirchliche Organisationen und Glieder sollen aufgefordert werden, $500.00 Gedächtnisfonds zu stiften.

5. In Anbetracht des Beschlusses der Behörde, den 20,000-Klub-Plan zur Beseitigung der Schulden fortzusetzen, erneuern wir unsre herzliche Befürwortung dieses Planes.

6. Daß die Synode die Klassen ersucht, einen Pastor oder einen Aeltesten zu ernennen, der diesen Plan in seiner Klassis in Angriff nehmen soll, indem er die einzelnen Kirchenräte auffordert, für die lokale Gemeinde eine Person oder einige Personen zu ernennen, die diese Arbeit fördern sollen.

7. Wir empfehlen, daß die ernannte Person oder Personen Glieder für diesen Klub gewinnen und zwar von Einzelnen, Sonntagsschulklassen oder andern Organisationen in der Gemeinde.

8. Daß die Synode dringend einen jeden Pastor und ein jedes Glied ersucht, ihren geeigneten Beitrag zur Erleichterung der finanziellen Bürde dieser Missionstätigkeit unsrer Kirche zu geben.

9. Daß die Zeit, die für die Empfehlung und Befürwortung des Einheimischen Missionswerkes, nämlich vom 15. September bis zum 2. Sonntag im Oktober, von unsern Pastoren und Gemeinden benützt werde, um sich mit dem Einheimischen Missionswerk vertraut zu machen, um dafür zu beten und um dafür zu geben.

B. Indianermission.

Wir freuen uns sehr über den Fortschritt unsrer Indianermission und wir anerkennen dankbar die treuen Dienste des Superintendenten Pastor Ben. Stucki und seiner Gehilfen. Wir empfehlen, daß dieser Tätigkeit in unsern Gebeten gedacht werde und unsre höchst freigiebige Unterstützung erhalte. Wir preisen auch den Frauenmissionsverein der Generalsynode für seine großartige und unvergleichliche Unterstützung in dem letzten Jahr.

C. Hafenmission.

1. Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt, daß die Synode ihren Entschluß vom letzten Jahr in Wiedererwägung ziehe, durch welchen die Hafenmission nicht weiter als ein Missionsunternehmen der Kirche betrachtet wurde.

2. Daß die Synode ihren Schatzmeister auffordert, direkt an Pastor Dr. Paul Land, Hafenmissionar, die Auflage von $136.60 vom letzten Jahr nachzubezahlen infolge der Handlung der Synode.

3. Daß die Synode $25.00 den Monat für das Gehalt des Hafenmissionars für das laufende Jahr aussetze, Sept. 1937 bis Sept. 1938, und daß die Summe direkt an Pastor Paul H. Land durch den Schatzmeister der Synode bezahlt werde.

II. **Ausländische Mission.**

Wir empfehlen:

1. Daß die Synode ihren herzlichen Dank Gott ausspreche, daß er Herzen willig und bereit gemacht hat, die ihre finanzielle Unterstützung der Sache Jesu in dem ausländischen Missionsfeld gegeben haben, und daß wir der Ausländischen Missionsbehörde unsre Anerkennung zollen für ihre unermüdliche Arbeit für diese Sache.

2. Wir danken Gott für seinen Segen, durch welchen die Arbeit in Japan, China und Iraq gefördert wurde.

3. Daß wir unsern Missionaren unsre Anerkennung zollen für ihre aufopfernde und selbstlose Arbeit, besonders in diesen schwierigen Zeiten, und wir sie versichern, daß die Kirche daheim hinter ihnen steht mit ihrer Teilnahme und Unterstützung.

4. Daß wir die Gemeinden auffordern, ihr Aeußerstes zu tun in der Bezahlung der Auflage in voll für die Ausländische Mission.

5. Daß die Zeit, die zur Betrachtung und Befürwortung der Ausländischen Missionsarbeit bestimmt ist, nämlich vom 6. Januar bis zum 2. Sonntag im Februar von unsern Pastoren und Gemeinden dazu benützt werde, um sich mit der Ausländischen Missionsarbeit mehr zu befassen, sich mit ihr besser vertraut zu machen, für sie zu beten und reichlich für sie zu geben.

7. Daß die Unterstützung der neu ernannten Missionarin, Fräulein Gertrude Zenk, für China, den jungen Leuten unsrer Synode empfohlen werde, und zwar neben der regelmäßigen Auflage.

6. Daß wir ernstlich den Thron Gottes für Japan und China bei dem gegenwärtigen bewaffneten Kampf um Gnade anrufen, besonders aber für unsre Pastoren und Glieder unsrer Missionsgemeinden.

8. Daß in Anbetracht der gelichteten Reihen unsrer Missionare in China, Japan und Iraq wir uns im Gebet verbinden, daß der Herr der Ernte Arbeiter in sein Erntefeld sende und daß die Kirche aufgefordert werde, besondere Anstrengungen zu machen, daß diese so sehr benötigten Missionare so bald wie möglich in das Feld gesandt werden.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

R. P. Kuentzel.
L. A. Moser.
John Florin.

Handlung der Synode:

Punkte I, A, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, B, II, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 wurden angenommen.

Punkt C, 1 wurde dem Ausschuß zurückverwiesen und derselbe ergänzt. Punkte C, 2, 3 wurden auf den Tisch gelegt.

Neuer Bericht von dem Ausschuß:

C, 1, Hafenmission.

Ihr Ausschuß für Mission und Kirchbaufonds, dem der Punkt über Hafenmission zurückgewiesen wurde, hat diese Angelegenheit noch weiter für und gegen erwogen und ist der Ansicht, daß die Hafenmission immer noch einem geistigen und einem sozialen Bedürfnis gerecht wird. Wir ersuchen daher die Syn-

ode ergebenst, diese Arbeit auch fernerhin unsern Kirchenräten, Gemeinden und Gliedern zur Unterstützung zu empfehlen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

L. A. Moser.
C. D. Maurer.
A. Kruetzman.
C. Weckmüller.

Handlung der Synode: Punkt wurde angenommen, dann wurde Punkt C, 2 angenommen, der nebst Punkt C, 3 vom Tisch aufgenommen wurde.

Als ein Ersatz für C, 3 gab der Vorsitzende des Finanzausschusses die Erklärung, daß die frühere Regel, betreffend Unterstützung der Hafenmission mit ½ Cent pro Glied nicht geändert sei, und daß $136.60 wiederum in dem Finanzbericht ausgesetzt seien. Punkt C, 3 wurde fallen gelassen und Synode nahm dafür die Erklärung des Finanzausschusses entgegen.

Dann wurde angenommen:

All die Punkte, die sich auf den 20,000-Klub-Plan beziehen, sollen dahin verbessert werden, daß sie an die Exekutive verwiesen werden sollen, um sie an die Kirchenräte zu senden als Empfehlungen für sofortige Handlung.

Hierauf wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

9. Christliche Erziehung.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen:

1. Eine Mitteilung, betreffend Sonntagsschulmaterial, herausgegeben von unsrer Erziehungsbehörde, eingereicht von Pastor Pfeiffer und Pastor Hauser. (Schriftliche Eingabe.)

2. Jahresbericht der Erziehungsbehörde des Nordwestens 1936/37, Blaubuch, Seite 66.

3. Jahresbericht der Erziehungsbehörde der Generalsynode, Seite 61 des Blaubuchs.

4. Ansprachen über Christliche Erziehung von Pastoren R. Rettig, E. H. Wetzler und E. G. Krampe.

5. Besprechung der Erziehungskonferenz am Donnerstag nachmittag.

Wir möchten die folgenden Empfehlungen machen:

1. Da es für Ihren Ausschuß unmöglich ist, das ihm überwiesene Sonntagsschulmaterial gegenwärtig eingehend zu prüfen, so empfehlen wir, daß im Fall die Synode in dieser Hinsicht Stellung nehmen will, ein Spezialausschuß ernannt werde, der im nächsten Jahr berichten soll.

2. Daß alle Pastoren und Kirchenräte ersucht werden, besondere Aufmerksamkeit darauf zu verwenden, daß die Mitarbeit des Elternhauses inbezug auf Christliche Erziehung gesichert werde.

3. Daß klassikale Ausschüsse über Erziehung ersucht werden, Seminare einzurichten zum Studium der besonderen Probleme auf dem Gebiet der Christ-

lichen Erziehung auf Grund von solchen Fragen, wie: Warum wird der Familienaltar nicht so beobachtet, als es sein sollte. Eine andere Sache, die man in Betracht ziehen sollte, ist die Mitarbeit der öffentlichen Schule für Charaktererziehung durch Religion.

4. Daß die Kirchen und Schulen ersucht werden, die Sache der Christlichen Erziehung besser zu unterstützen durch die Kollekte am Kindertag und durch die Auflage.

5. Daß Pastoren, die das „Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" gebrauchen, wiederum ersucht werden, ihre anregenden Auseinandersetzungen auf Grund ihrer Erfahrungen mit demselben (Workbook) einzusenden, um dasselbe nützlicher und tüchtiger zu gestalten.

6. Daß der Direktor für Christliche Erziehung Fragebogen besorgen solle, um spezielle gleichmäßige Informationen durch die klassikalen Ausschüsse über das Erziehungswerk, wie in den Gemeinden geschehen, zu erlangen.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

Herman Lehman.
Otto A. Menke.
Fred F. Ott.
Armin H. Tendick.
Paul A. Olm.
John Bodenman.
E. R. Vornholt.
W. J. Krieger.
A. Engelmann.
C. Weckmueller.

Handlung der Synode:

Punkt 1. Ueberwiesen an Spezialausschuß VIII, nebst dem Material, der 1938 berichten soll.

Punkte 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 wurden angenommen, dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

10. Predigerversorgung.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrwürdige Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen:

1. Bericht der Behörde der Predigerversorgung Ex. VII, Blaubuch, Seite 48—51.

2. Aus dem Bericht des Ausschusses an Generalsynode, Pkt. 14, Seite 171, etc.

3. Inhalt der Ansprache von Dr. H. N. Baßler.

4. Aus dem Bericht der Klassikalverhandlungen ein Gesuch der Sheboygan-Klassis an die Synode des Nordwestens, Besprechung der Sache des Sustentationsfonds.

Ihr Ausschuß macht folgende Vorschläge:

1. Wir schätzen die Bemühungen und den Dienst der Behörde hoch und freuen uns, daß unsre bedürftigen Pastoren und Pastorenfamilien ihre wohl-

verdiente Unterstützung bekommen, und beten, daß die Zeit nicht mehr so fern sein sollte, daß die Kirche eine mehr angemessene Unterstützung austeilen kann.

2. Daß wir uns ernstlich anstrengen, durch unsre entsprechenden Einrichtungen für volle Unterstützung zu sorgen.

3. Daß wir besonders Nachdruck auf Predigerunterstützung legen, sowie auf den Sustentationsfonds in der von der Behörde angeordneten Zeit.

4. Daß wir uns bemühen, unsre Leute zu erziehen und anzuleiten und zwar durch Predigt, Unterricht und persönliche Bemühungen, daß wir unsern Betagten und Bedürftigen eine angemessene Unterstützung schuldig sind.

5. Daß die Synode 10 Minuten zur Besprechung der von der Sheboygan-Klassis aufgeworfenen Frage erlaubt.

Achtungsvoll, Der Ausschuß:

Gilbert O. Wernecke.
H. R. Burkett.
J. H. T. Engelmann.

Handlung der Klassis:

Die Zeit in Pkt. 5 wurde auf 15 Minuten festgesetzt, Dr. Baßler gab dann die gewünschte Information, dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen.

11. Wohltätige Anstalten.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurde Folgendes überwiesen:

1. Bericht V, Seite 40 im Blaubuch.
2. Bericht VI, Seite 44 im Blaubuch.
3. Inhalt der Rede von Past. F. W. Knatz, bezüglich Waisenhaus.
4. Inhalt der Rede von Pastor H. G. Settlage, bezüglich Altenheim.

Ihr Ausschuß möchte Folgendes zur Annahme empfehlen:

1. Wir freuen uns und danken Gott, daß es unsrer Waisenhausbehörde durch freigebige Unterstützung von unsern Gliedern ermöglicht wurde, das durch Feuer zerstörte Gebäude durch einen passenden Neubau schuldenfrei zu ersetzen.

2. Daß die Glieder unsrer Gemeinden ermuntert werden, das Waisenhaus nicht nur zu Weihnachten mit Gaben zu unterstützen, sondern auch mit speziellen Gaben, sodaß die nötigen Reparaturen und Umbauten gemacht werden können.

3. Daß wir der Behörde unsers Altenheims unsre Anerkennung aussprechen für die Schlichtung ihrer finanziellen Unregelmäßigkeiten und für die neue Haushalterschaft.

4. Daß unserm Altenheim die gebührende finanzielle Unterstützung vonseiten unsrer Gemeinden zukomme, besonders durch eine Kollekte am Muttertag.

Hochachtungsvoll,

C. M. Zenk.
Herm. Vogel.
O. J. Briesen.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

12. Haushalterschaft.

(Uebersetzung)

Der nachfolgende Bericht wurde in nachstehender Form angenommen:

Liebe Brüder!

Es war für den neuen Vorsitzenden eine ebenso interessante wie auch lehrreiche Arbeit, diesen Bericht anzufertigen. Anknüpfend an die Erfahrungen möchten wir diesen Bericht unterbreiten.

Von dem Vorsitzenden Ihres Ausschusses wurden 3 Mitteilungen an die klassikalen Vorsitzenden für Haushalterschaft ausgesandt. Mit zwei von diesen Mitteilungen machten wir einen direkten Appell an die Gemeinden in den Klassen, eine gab Mitteilung über eine Handlung der Synode, die andre sollte an eine Handlung erinnern, an der wir uns beteiligen sollten. Die dritte Mitteilung war ein direktes Wort an die Glieder der Ausschüsse, mit der Bitte um Nachricht und Empfehlungen, wie man am besten die synodale Arbeit betreiben könnte.

Daß wir nur zwei Antworten auf die erwarteten neun bekamen, wirft ein Licht auf die Tätigkeit dieses Ausschusses. Hieraus kann man wohl ersehen, daß nicht das lebendige Verhältnis besteht zwischen den Haushalterschaftsausschüssen der Klassen und dem Synodalausschuß, wie es sein sollte. Ist vielleicht die Schuld nicht darin zu suchen, daß der Synodalausschuß wenig zu bieten hat, nichts, wodurch man die Männer in der Klassis begeistern könnte?

Der Synode haben wir hiermit unsre Schwäche bekannt. Möge es uns gestattet sein, verschiedene Punkte darzulegen, auf welche dieser Bericht sich gründet.

Für unsre Betrachtung wurde uns unterbreitet:

Die verschiedenen klassikalen Berichte über Haushalterschaft,

Der Bericht der Exekutive der Generalsynode,

Die Empfehlungen der Ausschußmitglieder seit der Sitzung der Synode, mit den meisten der klassikalen Vorsitzenden anwesend.

Die Punkte, die uns von der Synode überwiesen wurden, wie auch von der

Haushalterschaftskonferenz und die

Darlegung von Dr. Lampe.

Ihr Ausschuß ist sich des Mangels an Zusammenarbeit für das nötige Vorangehen bewußt.

Ein gewisser Mangel an Zusammenarbeit besteht unter den Pastoren der verschiedenen Klassen, der sich stark wiederspiegelt in der Unfähigkeit für ein gemeinsames Programm der 10 verschiedenen Klassen. Ihr Synodalausschuß muß besonders darauf bedacht sein, eine mehr bestimmte Mitarbeit unter den oben erwähnten Gruppen zu finden.

Empfehlungen:

1. Synode wendet sich an ihre Pastoren und Aeltesten, daß sie in innigere Mitarbeit mit ihrem klassikalen Programm treten.

2. Synode legt die folgenden Richtlinien nieder, in denen alle Kirchen mitarbeiten mögen und daß eine bestimmte Antwort in den Jahresberichten der klassikalen Ausschüsse gegeben werden möchte inbezug auf die folgenden Regeln des Zusammenarbeitens:

a) Bestimmte Anleitungen, um die Glieder mit dem Werk der Kirche und der eigenen Gemeinde bekannt zu machen.

b) Besuch von klassikalen Konferenzen für Kirchenratsglieder, Sonntagsschullehrer und Mitarbeiter im allgemeinen.

c) Innehalten der „Besonderen Tage".

d) Verteilung von Drucksachen.

e) Beobachtung des jährlichen „Roll Call".

f) Gebrauch des Kuvert-Systems.

g) Senden der monatlichen Gaben für Wohltätigkeit an den klassikalen Schatzmeister.

3. Daß die Synode die vier Grundsätze, wie vom Vereinigten Haushalterschafts-Konzil und unsrer Generalsynode (1936-Verhandlungen, Seite 54) angenommen, annehme als eine Grundlage für unsre Belehrung über Haushalterschaft, und daß die Sonntagsschule diese in ihr Unterrichtsprogramm aufnehme:

A. Gott ist der Schöpfer aller Dinge und der Vater aller Menschen. In ihm bestehen alle Dinge und ihm gehören sie alle an. In ihm leben, weben und sind alle Menschen. Der Menschen Wohlergehen in der Gemeinschaft mit Gott ist Gottes Absicht.

B. Gott hat den Menschen mit verschiedenen Gaben an Leib und Seele ausgestattet. Er hat ihm den Gebrauch und den Nutzen über Dinge anvertraut und hat ihm die Herrschaft über das Werk seiner Hände in Gemeinschaft mit ihm gegeben.

C. Als Haushalter über alles, das er ist und hat, soll er alles, was ihm anvertraut ist, für die Entwicklung seines eigenen Charakters, zum Nutzen seines Nebenmenschen, zum Dienst Christi und zur Ehre Gottes gebrauchen.

D. Der treue Haushalter wird beständig und fröhlich seine Haushalterschaft erkennen und anerkennen. Als Teilhaber mit seinem himmlischen Vater gebraucht er sich und seine Gaben zu Nutz und Heil der ganzen Menschheit.

4. Daß Synode den neuen Vorsitzenden des Haushalterschaftsausschusses zu der Jahresversammlung des vereinigten Haushalterschafts-Konzils sende, wenn möglich.

5. Da die Bibel als Offenbarung Gottes an die Menschen von der Amerikanischen Bibel-Gesellschaft auf so tüchtige Weise ohne Voreingenommenheit verbreitet wird, so empfehlen wir, daß wir diese Gesellschaft noch weiterhin mit einer Auflage finanziell unterstützen.

6. Bei der Aufstellung der folgenden Auflage für das Jahr 1938 sind wir uns dessen wohl bewußt, daß die lokalen Bedürfnisse gerade wie die Auflage für Mission und Wohltätigkeit einen Teil der Haushalterschaftsbelehrung bilden müssen; daß aber ebenso die Tätigkeiten, für welche die Auflage erhoben wird, als Tätigkeiten der lokalen Gemeinde zur Ausbreitung des Evangeliums zu betrachten sind:

Ausländische Mission	$1.00
Einheimische Mission	1.00
Kirchbaufonds	.10
Missionshaus	.85
Studentenunterstützung	.15
Predigerunterstützung	.25

Waisenhaus	.25
Christliche Erziehung	.15
Altenheim	.10
Verlagshaus	.05
Amerikanische Bibel-Gesellschaft	.01
Männer - Liga	.01
Catawba-College	.03
	$3.95

Bei dem Aufbringen der Auflage anerkennen wir die Bemühung der Minnesota-Klassis, ihren Verpflichtungen nachzukommen.

7. Wir ersuchen die Klassen, ernstlich die Abänderung in der Zeit für die „Tage für besondere Kollekten" zu beachten zu dem Zweck, daß diese Tage am besten unsern vereinigten Bedürfnissen gerecht werden könnten.

8. Daß die Kanzeln der Synode des Nordwestens ihre Glieder auffordern sollen, zu einem höheren und mehr geistlichen Geben, nach dem der Herr sie gesegnet hat.

9. Wir heißen es gut, daß unsre kirchlichen Behörden versuchen, jede Art von Geben für lokale und allgemeine Zwecke zu verhindern, das nicht im Sinn Christi geschieht.

10. Daß die Synode eine kleine Summe für die Auslagen dieses Ausschusses erlaube.

11. Daß diesem Ausschuß wiederum eine Gelegenheit gegeben werde, eine Konferenz für Haushalterschaft für Aelteste und Pastoren bei der nächsten Synodeversammlung abzuhalten.

12. Die Gemeinden der Synode werden ersucht, das christliche Almosen als einen wesentlichen Teil eines jeden Gottesdienstes zu betrachten.

Wir schließen diesen Bericht in der Weise der Lehre des Apostels Paulus: „Des wir sind und dem wir dienen", und möge unsre Stellung zu dieser Wahrheit uns eine lebendige Aufforderung zur Haushalterschaft sein.

Achtungsvoll, der Ausschuß:

A. C. Fischer.
F. W. Knatz.
Frank Stucki.
Wm. C. Deglow.
K. J. Stuebbe.
C. D. Maurer.
A. Geo. Schmid.

13. Evangelisation.

(Uebersetzung)

Folgender Bericht des Ausschusses über Evangelisation wurde angenommen.

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurden die folgenden Punkte von dem Ausschuß über Verhandlungen der Generalsynode überwiesen:

Pkt. 16, Seite 256, 1 und
Seite 61, „A Clarion Call to the Church", und
Seite 66, die Handlung der Generalsynode über dieses Dokument.

Der Punkt auf Seite 256 ist wie folgt:

„Die Generalsynode fordert durch ihre Delegaten, die Pastoren oder Leiter der Gemeinden, die Gesamtkirche auf, nach neuen Höhen in der geistlichen Erkenntnis, Festigkeit und Selbsthingabe zu streben, so daß wir der gegenwärtigen Krisis in der Zivilisation im Geist völligen Verständnisses von Gottes Willen entgegentreten."

Wir empfehlen:

1. Daß die Synode durch die Klassen ihre Pastoren in den Grenzen der Synode auffordere, den „Clarion Call" an die Kirche zu erwägen und den oben zitierten Punkt als eine persönliche Aufforderung zu betrachten, sich selbst dem Heiligen Geist zur Verfügung zu stellen, um so von ihm gebraucht zu werden, das Wort Gottes solchen zu bringen, die sich noch nicht im Bereich der Kirche Jesu Christi befinden.

2. Daß wir als eine Synode den Bericht: „A Clarion Call to the Church" anerkennen und annehmen.

3. Daß wir als eine Synode, durch die Klassen, unsre Pastoren und Kirchenräte der Synode auffordern, die Festtage des Kirchenjahrs zu feiern und besondere Gottesdienste anzuordnen, und woimmer es möglich und ratsam ist, andere Pastoren einzuladen, um diesen Appell entsprechend zu bekräftigen und erweitern.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

A. R. Achtemeier.
David Fuehrer.

14. Männer-Liga.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß übergeben:

1. Bericht Exhibit XII des Blaubuches.
2. Ansprache von Dr. J. M. G. Darms.
3. Drucksache von dem Exekutivausschuß der Brüderschaft der Kirchenmänner.
4. Punkt 17 von dem Generalsynodalausschuß.
5. Punkt aus den Klassikalverhandlungen, betr. Süd-Dakota.

Wir empfehlen:

1. Da die Brüderschaft von Andreas und Philippus, die in unsrer Synode die Männerorganisation unsrer Kirche ist, die Sache der Vereinigung mit der Brüderschaft der Kirchenmänner entsprechend erwogen und auch ihre Bereitwilligkeit erklärt hat, wo immer möglich zusammenarbeiten, so empfehlen wir, daß unsre Organisation ihre Bemühung inbezug auf die Vereinigung der Männerarbeit fortsetze, wie von der Brüderschaft der Kirchenmänner angeregt wird.

2. Mit Bedauern nehmen wir davon Notiz, daß die Süd-Dakota-Klassis nicht viel von der Männerliga hält und keine Neigung hat, sie ins Leben zu rufen.

E. L. Worthman.
Wm. Huber.
Fred W. Witte.

Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

15. Bericht des Ausschusses über Frauenmissionsverein.

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Folgendes wurde an Ihren Ausschuß verwiesen:

1. Ein Punkt aus den Klassikalverhandlungen der Süd-Dakota-Klassis wie folgt: „daß sie nicht geneigt sind in ihrem Gebiet Frauenmissionsvereine ins Leben zu rufen."
2. Punkt 17, Seite 279, Pkt. 1—7 aus den Verhandlungen der Generalsynode, worin dem Frauenmissionsverein Lob gezollt wird für ihre fleißige Mithilfe im Aufbau des Reiches Gottes.
3. Bericht der Präsidentin des Frauenmissionsvereins der Synode des Nordwestens.

Wir empfehlen Folgendes zur Beschlußnahme:

1. Daß wir die löblichen Bemühungen der verschiedenen Frauenmissionsvereine in unserm Gebiet zur Förderung der Reichssache unsers Gottes, daheim und in fernen Heidenländern, dankend anerkennen und sie ermuntern, ihre segensreiche Tätigkeit im selben Geist fortzusetzen, sintemal ihre Arbeit im Herrn nicht vergeblich ist.

2. Daß wir die Gründung von neuen Vereinen, wo nur immer möglich, befürworten.

Achtungsvoll,

B. O. Großhuesch.
George Grether.
G. A. Kiesau.

16. Studentenhilfe.

Bericht der Behörde.

(Uebersetzung)

An die Ehrw. Synode des Nordwestens.

Ihre Behörde über Studentenhilfe möchte folgenden Bericht unterbreiten:

1. Während des vergangenen Schuljahres hat Ihr Ausschuß in vollständiger Uebereinstimmung mit den Regeln, wie von der Synode niedergelegt, gehandelt und folgenden Studenten finanzielle Unterstützung gegeben, die ein weiteres Jahr ihrer Studien im Missionshaus vollendet haben:

Walter Odenbach	$150.00
Carl Ringer	150.00
Clarence Koehler	150.00
Williard Sherman	107.50
Gordon Robinson	107.50
Henry Roemer	100.00
Theophilus Blaufus	107.50

2. Die Aufmerksamkeit der Synode wird auf die folgenden Studenten gerichtet, die für das kommende Jahr um Unterstützung bitten:

Orville Schroer von Hayfield, Jowa, ein Sophomore	$150.00
Williard Sherman von Waukon, Jowa, ein Senior-Seminarist	197.50
Harry Norenberg von Lowell, Wis., ein Seminarist der Mittelklasse	100.00

Walter Odenbach von Woodworth, N.-Dak., ein Junior-Seminarist 107.50
Gordon Robinson von Kiel, Wis., ein Senior-Seminarist 107.50
Carl Ringer von Sheboygan, Wis., ein Junior-Seminarist 107.50
Clarence Koehler von Milwaukee, Wis., ein Junior-Seminarist 107.50
Dilman Rodel von Kaukauna, Wis., ein Sophomore 150.00
Henry Rosmer von Saskatchewan, Canada, ein Sophomore 150.00
Frederick Druecker von Streeter, N.-Dak., der seine Studien im Seminar fortsetzen wird 100.00

Die Summe von $1,187.50

ist notwendig, um diese Gesuche zu gewähren.

3. Wir empfehlen, daß unsre Gemeinden durch die Klassen ersucht werden, 15 Cents pro konfirmiertes Glied beizutragen.

4. Die Gesuche der letzten drei erwähnten Studenten kamen vor die Behörde nicht in der regelmäßigen Form. Wir empfehlen, daß diese durch ihre Klassen instruiert werden, ihre Gesuche auf den von der Kirche bestimmten Anmeldeformularen zu erneuern. (Siehe Verhandlungen der Generalsynode 1932, Seite 293—299.)

5. Wir empfehlen, daß die Synode auf ein weiteres Jahr die Wortfassung des Kontrakts zwischen Synode und Studenten verschiebe, in welchem die finanzielle Unterstützung als ein Darlehen, und nicht als ein Geschenk gemacht wird.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

E. L. Worthman.
E. M. DeBuhr.
C. Weckmueller.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde angenommen und an den Ausschuß für Studentenhilfe überwiesen.

Bericht des Ausschusses

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurde nur der Bericht der Behörde für Studentenhilfe überwiesen. Dieser Bericht ist bereits angenommen worden und damit ist die Unterstützung für diesen Zweck von 15 Cents pro Glied empfohlen. Mit dem Empfehlen und Annehmen der Empfehlung ist die Sache aber nicht abgemacht, sie muß auch ausgeführt werden. Darum bitten wir besonders die Prediger und Kirchenräte, dafür Sorge zu tragen, daß diese 15 Cents pro Glied zeitig an den Schatzmeister unsrer Synode, Wm. Streblow, R. R., Plymouth, Wis., eingesandt werden.

Achtungsvoll,

Wm. Huenemann.
Gustav Krampe.
E. L. Hennig.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde angenommen mit dem Zusatz, daß die Synode einen Ausschuß für die Sammlung der Gelder für Studentenhilfe ernenne.

Dieser Ausschuß besteht aus: Pastor Ruben Huenemann, D. E. Bosma; Aelt. H. Neuhaus.

17. Publikation.

Bericht des Ausschusses über Publikation.

An die Ehrwüdige Synode des Nodwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß wurden folgende Punkte überwiesen:

1. Bericht im Blaubuch.
2. Inhalt einer Ansprache von Dr. H. C. Nott.
3. Ein Gesuch der Verlagsbehörde, betreffs Unterstützung für ein weiteres Jahr von 3 Cents pro Glied.
4. Eine Benachrichtigung des Synodal-Schatzmeisters (aus dem Bericht der Exekutivbeamten, Pkt. 4), betreffs der letztjährigen Auflage.

Ihr Ausschuß hat sämtliche Eingaben durchgesehen und erlaubt sich der ehrwürdigen Synode Folgendes zu berichten:

1. Aus dem Bericht des Blaubuches geht hervor, daß das Verlagshaus sich in einer unhaltbaren finanziellen Lage befindet. Die horrende Schuldenlast wurde in dem vergangenen Jahr noch um etwa $2,726.00 vermehrt, das Betriebskapital schrumpfte zusammen. Nach dem Urteil etlicher kompetenter Public Accountants ist das Verlagshaus finanziell am Ende angekommen, es sei denn, daß demselben ein Betriebskapital, nebst Geschäften, verschafft werden.

2. Die Behörde des Verlagshauses bittet wiederum um eine Auflage von drei Cents pro Glied, zur Bezahlung der Interessen der Leibrenten.

3. Der Schatzmeister berichtet, daß die Auflage von drei Cent pro Glied in 1936 entrichtet worden sei, daß aber nicht alle Interessen bezahlt worden sind.

Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt Ehrw. Synode folgen Punkte zur Annahme:

1. Daß Ehrw. Synode Ehrw. Generalsynode ersucht, das Verlagshaus nach den 4 Punkten im Blaubuch, Seite 53, zu übernehmen, möchte sich aber vorbehalten, daß die Leibrentenzinsen regelmäßig bezahlt werden.

2. Daß Synode des Nordwestens drei Cents pro Glied auflegt zur Bezahlung der Interessen für Leibrenten.

3. Daß Synode sich erkundigt, warum das Verlagshaus 1936 nicht alle Interessen der Leibrente ausbezahlt hat, da doch selbiges Geld durch die Synoden entrichtet worden ist.

Achtungsvoll,
R. Klaudt.
D. E. Bosma.
Peter Hausauer.

Handlung der Synode:

Punktweise Erledigung wurde verlangt.

Punkt 1, 2 und 3 wurden angenommen, dann wurde der Bericht als Ganzes angenommen mit dem Verständnis, daß die Generalsynode das Verlagshaus weiterführe und nicht zu Gunsten von Eden Publishing House liquidiere.

18. Nominationen und 19. Wahlen.

Der Ausschuß für Nomination und Wahlen berichtete zur festgesetzten Tagesordnung, der Bericht wurde angenommen und der Ausschuß beauftragt, die Stimmzettel drucken zu lassen, und als Wahlführer zu dienen.

An die Ehrwüdige Synode des Nodwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Ihr Ausschuß für Nomination und Wahlen unterbreitet hiermit folgenden Bericht:

A.

1. Behörde des Missionshauses:
   Aelt. C. Weckmueller
   Aelt. J. H. T. Engelmann
   Aelt. H. F. Maurer.
2. Einheimische Mission, Departement des Nordwestens:
   Pastor A. Geo. Schmid
   Pastor C. Flueckinger
   Pastor A. R. Achtemeier.
3. Verlagshausbehörde:
   Pastor J. Bodenman
   Pastor D. E. Bosma
   Pastor Geo. Grether.
4. Waisenhausbehörde:
   Pastor F. W. Knatz
   Pastor Wm. Huenemann
   Pastor O. A. Engelmann.
5. Erziehungsbehörde:
   Pastor E. H. Wetzler
   Pastor Elmer Jaberg
   Pastor John Scheib.
6. Altenheimbehörde:
   Pastor C. Zenk
   Pastor Aaron Kurtz.
   Pastor Herman Schmid.

B.

Das Ergebnis der Wahl ist wie folgt:

1. Missionshausbehörde: Aelt. C. Weckmueller.
2. Einheimische Mission, Dep. des Nordwestens: Pastor A. Geo. Schmid.
3. Verlagshausbehörde: Pastor J. Bodenman.
4. Waisenhausbehörde: Pastor F. W. Knatz.
5. Erziehungsbehörde: Pastor E. H. Wetzler.
6. Altenheimbehörde: Pastor Herman Schmid.

Auslage für Herstellung der Stimmzettel belief sich auf 80 Cents, auszuzahlen an die Office des Missionshauses.

Achtungsvoll,

Der Ausschuß: L. A. Moser, Wm. Bollmann, A. O. Engelmann,
K. J. Stuebbe, R. Birk, W. J. Krieger,
C. D. Maurer, Albert Grampmann, Raymond Lueth.

Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen und der Schatzmeister beauftragt, die 80 Cents zu bezahlen.

20. Finanzen.

A. Bericht des Ausschusses über Finanzen.

Liebe Brüder! Ihrem Ausschuß sind die folgenden Gegenstände übergeben worden:

a) Bericht des Schatzmeisters der Synode.

b) Rechnungsbuch des Schatzmeisters der Synode.

c) Bericht des Ausschusses über Reisevergütungen.

d) Statistik der Synode.

e) Punkt 1, Seite 33, Generalsynodalverhandlungen: Rückstände an Contingent Fund of General Synod folgender Klassen:

Manitoba	$289.83
Eureka	545.19
Nord-Dakota	151.81
Edmonton	40.63
	$1,033.46

f) Umlage von 3 Cents pro Glied zur Zahlung der Leibrente-Zinsen des Verlagshauses.

Ihr Ausschuß möchte nun Folgendes berichten:

Der Bericht und die Bücher des Schatzmeisters, sowie die Bank-Depositenbücher wurden geprüft und richtig befunden. Aus diesen Dokumenten geht hervor, daß folgende Guthaben vorhanden sind:

Bank-Guthaben der Synode des Nordwestens	$3,906.36
Studenten-Unterstützungsfonds	970.24
Reserve-Fonds der Synode des Nordwestens	4,274.13
Note der Nebraska-Klassis	75.00
Rückständig: Portland-Oregon-Klassis	40.00

Der Voranschlag für das neue Synodaljahr ist folgender:

Meilengelder	$1,450.00
Schreibergehalt	200.00
Schuldiener	10.00
Drucksachen	650.00
Verschiedenes	300.00
Reisekosten der Missionshausbehörde	100.00
Hafenmission ½ Cent pro Glied	136.60
Historische Gesellschaft	25.00
Verlagshaus, Zinsen für Leibrente	819.63
Ganze Summe	$3,691.23

Um diesen Voranschlag zu decken, empfiehlt der Ausschuß bei dem jetzigen Kassenbestand eine Auflage von 10 Cents pro Glied.

Diese Auflage beträgt für die Klassen wie folgt:

Sheboygan-Klassis	8,489	Glieder	$ 848.90
Milwaukee-Klassis	6,075	Glieder	607.50
Minnesota-Klassis	3,307	Glieder	330.70
Nebraska-Klassis	795	Glieder	79.50
Ursinus-Klassis	2,075	Glieder	207.50
Süd-Dakota-Klassis	2,035	Glieder	203.50
Portland-Oregon-Klassis	937	Glieder	93.70
West-Canada-Klassis	1,051	Glieder	105.10
Eureka-Klassis	1,893	Glieder	189.30
California-Klassis	664	Glieder	66.40
	27,321	Glieder	$2,732.10

In Bezug auf Punkt „e" möchte der Ausschuß empfehlen: Diese vier Klassen seien hiermit aufgefordert, ihren Verpflichtungen der Generalsynode gegenüber nachzukommen, oder doch wenigstens einen ernstlichen Versuch zu machen, etwas von dem Rückstand abzutragen.

Damit sind alle überwiesenen Punkte berücksichtigt und erledigt.

Achtungsvoll,

Paul Traeger.
Wilhelm Korn.
Herman Vogel.

Handlung der Synode: Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

B. Bericht über Meilengelder.

Sheboygan-Klassis.

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Pastoren:			
Caleb Hauser	38		$ 1.82
B. D. Weidler	185		4.44
H. G. Schmid	12		.58
E. G. Krampe	12		.29
O. Gerber	156		7.49
T. H. Blaufuß	156		3.75
R. Klaudt	18		.86
J. Gatermann	144		3.43
S. A. Schmiechen	185		8.88
Er. G. Pfeiffer	200		9.60
Paul Franzmeier	190		9.12
J. Scheib	46		2.21
J. C. Rosenau	31		1.48
B. Großhuesch	77		3.70
G. Wernecke	30		1.44
E. Henning	30		1.44
H. K. Hartmann	760		36.48
W. M. Bixler	185		8.88
Ed. Nuß	17		.82
W. Oelrich	51		1.22
Aelteste:			
Wm. Rodewald	18		.23
Edwin Strade	185		4.44
Adolf Meier	200		4.80
F. W. Bucker	190		4.56
H. Neuhaus	190		4.56
Wm. Klumb	46		2.21
J. Hintz	32		1.49
F. W. Becker	194		4.66

Milwaukee-Klassis.

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Pastoren:			
W. E. Huber	38		1.82
A. Muehlmeier	155		3.72
Carl Flueckinger	130		6.24
H. C. Lehmann	120		2.88
P. Olm	30		1.44
F. W. Lemke	105		5.04
R. P. Kuentzel	88		4.22
G. Grether	120		2.88
C. M. Zenk	112		5.38

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
J. Mohr	35		.84
R. Rettig	138		6.62
F. W. Knatz	64		3.07
H. C. Nott	64		1.54
A. A. Graf	45		2.16
H. Settlage	75		3.60
F. Settlage	125		6.00
Aelteste:			
Emil Ritschard	155		7.44
L. R. Williams	112		5.38
R. F. Lueth	120		5.76
R. Kundert	138		3.31
C. Weckmueller	64		1.82
H. Menger	45		1.08
O. Gygax	75		1.80
Andrew Figi	125		3.00

Minnesota-Klassis.

Pastoren:			
Walter Baumgartner	300		$14.14
Esra Vornholt	210		10.08
Wm. Huenemann	397		19.05
O. Vriesen	385		9.24
F. Stucki	264		12.67
Ed. DeBuhr	264		12.67
M. Witmer	250		12.00
C. Großhuesch	397		19.05
E. H. Vornholt	310		14.88
Aelteste:			
W. Eggler	215		9.72
C. H. Goll	397		19.05
Alb. Graupman	385		18.48
G. Herman	264		6.34
G. Kiesau	264		6.34
J. Florin	250		6.00
H. Josten	397		9.53
C. H. Mueller	310		7.44

Nebraska-Klassis.

Pastoren:			
Paul Traeger	771		$37.00
Albin Engelmann	700		33.60
Wm. Deglow	740		35.52
H. Burkett		773	15.46
C. H. Riedesel		700	15.00
Aelteste:			
David Fuehrer	771		37.00

Ursinus-Klassis.

Pastoren:			
Otto Engelmann	550		$13.00
L. A. Moser	315		15.12
A. H. Tendick	260		12.48
A. A. Depping		446	10.92
D. E. Bosma	390		18.72
A. C. Fischer	285		13.68
J. Seidler	375		18.00
A. Kruetzman	410		19.68

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Aelteste:			
G. Krampe		466	20.78
F. W. Witte	385		6.84
Julius Engelmann	410		19.68

Süd-Dakota-Klassis.

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Pastoren:			
John Bodenman	610		$29.28
Wilhelm Korn	698		33.50
A. Kurtz	625		30.00
U. Zogg	624		29.95
K. J. Stuebbe	632		30.34
Aelteste:			
F. Hauck	610		14.64
G. F. Mettler	610		14.64
Peter Hausauer	590		14.16
August Nutz	698		16.75
A. Treick	632		30.34

West-Canada-Klassis.

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Pastoren:			
C. Maurer		845	$20.00
C. Fried	1150		55.20
J. Schlamp	1150		27.60
John Krieger		Round trip	44.90

Eureka-Klassis.

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Pastoren:			
F. F. Ott	950		$45.60
W. J. Krieger	730		17.52
George Wolfe	740		35.53
Aelteste:			
August Hieb	850		20.40
Adolf Graf	763		36.62
H. D. Opp	730		35.04
August Docter	730		17.52

California-Klassis.

	Auto	Eisenbahn	Betrag
Pastor R. Birk		Round trip	64.20
			$1,436.17

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

C. Grosshuesch.
E. DeBuhr.
Henry Kundert.

Handlung der Synode: Dieser Bericht wurde verbessert, angenommen und dem Schatzmeister zur Auszahlung überwiesen, die Summe wurde dem Ausschuß für Finanzen mitgeteilt.

C. Wahl des Schatzmeisters.

Tagesordnung nach Annahme des Finanzberichtes war die Wahl des Schatzmeisters. Es wurde beschlossen, daß der Ständige Schreiber die Stimme der Synode für Herrn Wm. Streblow als Schatzmeister ab-

geben soll. Die Synode sprach dem Bruder Streblow ihren Dank für seine getreuen Dienste aus.

21. Presse.

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

An die Ehrwüdige Synode des Nodwestens.

Ihr Ausschuß über Presse berichtet, daß der Sheboygan Preß ein kurzer Bericht über die Sitzung der Synode zugestellt wurde, und daß nach Schluß der Sitzungen je ein Bericht an die Kirchenzeitung und an den Messenger gesandt wird.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

U. Zogg.
A. A. Graf.
August Hieb.

22. Entschuldigungen.

Der Ausschuß für Entschuldigungen berichtete unmittelbar vor der Vertagung. Der Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen, die betreffenden Glieder sind angegeben unter Art. II.

23. Dankesbeschlüsse.

Der Bericht des Ausschusses für Dankesbeschlüsse wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

Liebe Brüder! Die freundliche Einladung des Missionshauses anläßlich seines 75jährigen Jubiläums die Tagung der Synode des Nordwestens im Missionshaus abzuhalten, hat die Synode mit Freuden angenommen, und es ist uns heute ein Bedürfnis, folgende Dankesbeschlüsse einzureichen:

1. Der Behörde, sowie dem Präsidenten des Missionshauses für die Einquartierung der Synodalen sei hiermit herzlich gedankt.

2. Den umliegenden Reformierten Gemeinden, die in liebevoller und fürsorglicher Weise zur Bewirtung der Synode beigetragen haben, wird unser herzlicher Dank ausgesprochen, und es werden die Pastoren der betreffenden Gemeinden freundlichst ersucht, dies in den nächsten Gottesdiensten ihren Gemeinden mitzuteilen.

3. Den bei den Gottesdiensten mitwirkenden Kirchenchören soll ebenfalls freundlichst gedankt sein.

Der Präsident der Synode, pro temp., Dr. H. E. Nott, wird ersucht, diese Dankesbeschlüsse am Synodalsonntag beim Gottesdienst im Missionshaus, sowie in den damit verbundenen Gottesdiensten in den benachbarten Gemeinden verlesen zu lassen.

Achtungsvoll,

John Mohr.
Fred F. Ott.
Alfred Treick.

Artikel IX.

Verschiedenes.

1. Bericht des Justizausschusses.

(Uebersetzung)

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

An die Ehrwüdige Synode des Nodwestens.

Liebe Brüder! Die folgenden Punkte wurden Ihrem Ausschuß überwiesen:

a) Punkt 2, Bericht Schriftliche Eingaben.
b) Punkt III, 2a, Klassikalbericht.
c) Punkt III, 2b, Klassikalbericht.
d) Punkt III, 3a, Klassikalbericht.
e) Punkt IV, 4b, Klassikalbericht.
f) Punkt V, 4b, Klassikalbericht.

Ihr Ausschuß hat diese Punkte genau geprüft, und findet, daß sie alle unter den Bereich von Art. 194 der Konstitution inbezug auf die Tätigkeit des Justizausschusses der Synode gehören. Inbezug auf den Inhalt dieser Punkte, und als Empfehlungen für passende Handlung der Synode, möchte Ihr Ausschuß achtungsvoll Folgendes berichten.

1. Punkt a, die Eingabe der Süd-Dakota-Klassis ist dieselbe wie Punkt e, IV, 4b, von dem Klassikalbericht. Der Inhalt dieser Eingabe ist eine Beschwerde gegen eine Handlung der Nebraska-Klassis, wie an die Synode durch die Klassikalv:erhandlungen von 1936 berichtet wurde. Ihr Ausschuß findet, daß die Nebraska-Klassis geirrt hat, indem sie eine tatsächliche Anklage in der Form einer Mitteilung an die Süd-Dakota-Klassis gemacht hat. Er findet weiter, daß die Süd-Dakota-Klassis geirrt hat, in der Art und Weise, wie sie diese Mitteilung beantwortete. Beide Irrtümer können aber auf ein Versehen des Klassikalausschusses an die Synode zurückgeführt werden, der übersehen hat, die erste Handlung der Nebraska-Klassis als eine Unregelmäßigkeit 1936 zu berichten.

Wir empfehlen, daß die Aufmerksamkeit von beiden Klassen auf diese Klarstellung der Synode gelenkt werde, und daß die Süd-Dakota-Klassis benachrichtigt sei, daß die Synode in dieser Sache in keine weiteren Handlungen eingehen kann, bis sie vor die Synode auf konstitutionelle Weise durch den richtigen Weg gebracht wird.

2. Punkt b, III, 2a, Klassikalbericht, weist Nebraska-Klassis die Synode darauf hin, daß die Handlung der Synode 1936, die auf Grund der Eingabe No. 18 (siehe Seite 42 in den Verhandlungen der Synode von 1936) der Süd-Dakota-Klassis erlaubte, eine Gemeinde in Sutton, Nebraska, in den Verband der Süd-Dakota-Klassis aufzunehmen, gegen die Konstitution, und daher null und nichtig ist.

Ihr Ausschuß findet, daß die Ansicht der Nebraska-Klassis richtig ist, und empfiehlt daher, daß die Synode erkläre, daß die Handlung vom letzten Jahr, die Bitte in der Eingabe No. 18 zu erlauben, unregelmäßig war und daher null und nichtig ist.

3. Punkt c, III, 2b aus dem Klassikalbericht, betrifft einen Unterschied in der Auslegung einer Handlung vonseiten der Nebraska-Klassis, und eine

entsprechende Handlung der Synode, wie auch eine Handlung der Generalsynode, auf welche die Handlung der Klassis gegründet war. In diesem Punkt wird die Synode unterrichtet, daß die Nebraska-Klassis diese Sache an die Generalsynode als eine Denkschrift unterbreitet, wie die Synode sie auch unterbreitet hatte.

Ihr Ausschuß empfiehlt, daß die Synode protokolliert, daß sie von der Handlung der Klassis Kenntnis genommen habe.

4. Inbezug auf Punkt d, III, 3a, in welchem die Süd-Dakota-Klassis die Synode auf die Tatsache aufmerksam macht, daß die Eingabe No. 18 an die Synode vom letzten Jahr nicht ein Gesuch von der Klassis war, empfehlen wir, daß die Synode von dieser Mitteilung Notiz nehme.

5. Ihr Ausschuß hat sich eingehend mit dem Punkt f, V, 4b aus dem Klassikalbericht befaßt. Inbezug auf dieses Disziplinarverfahren der Klassis möchte Ihr Ausschuß empfehlen, folgende Handlung anzunehmen:

Da Pastor Carl S. Green seine Stelle, die Reformierte Zionsgemeinde in Harvard, Nebraska, auf eine unregelmäßige Weise verlassen hat, nachdem die Nebraska-Klassis Schritte zu einem Disziplinarverfahren eingeleitet hatte, und da besagte Klassis seinen Namen von der offiziellen Liste der Nebraska-Klassis gestrichen hat, so betrachtet die Synode des Nordwestens diese Handlung der Klassis als eine endgültige.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,
E. G. Krampe,
John Scheib, D. E. Bosma, J. Krieger,
Wm. Huenemann, Wm. Korn, Alvin O. Engelmann.

2. Bericht der Verköstigungsgebühren.

Folgender Bericht wurde als Ganzes angenommen.

An die Ehrwüdige Synode des Nodwestens.

Unterzeichneter möchte hiermit berichten, daß ihm folgende Summen als Veköstigungsgebühren überreicht wurden und dem Präsidenten des Missionshauses, Pastor Paul Großhuesch, D.D., Plymouth, Wis., ausbezahlt worden sind:

Von 142 Delegaten	$142.00
Von Besuchern	34.00
Gesamtsumme	$176.00

Achtungsvoll,
C. Wm. Deglow.

3. Verschiedene Beschlüsse.

1. Die Exekutive soll für einen Referenten bei der Sitzung im Jahr 1938 sorgen, das Thema soll ihm freigestellt bleiben.

2. Ort und Stunde der nächsten Jahressitzung soll der Exekutive überlassen bleiben.

3. Pastor H. C. Nott wurde als Vorsitzender pro tem. am letzten Sitzungstag erwählt, um die Sitzung zu schließen.

4. Die Pastoren Emil Buehrer und Prof. A. Grether wurden ernannt, die Beschlüsse des Spezialausschusses III von 1936 zu vervielfältigen. Die Auslagen dieser Arbeit betrugen $1.00, die an das Missionshaus zu entrichten sind.

5. Der Korrespondierende Schreiber wurde aufgefordert, an die Familie des verstorbenen Aeltesten Ad. Rodewald in Sheboygan im Namen der Synode ein Beileidsschreiben zu senden.

6. Pastor H. C. Nott, D.D., Vorsitzender pro tem., soll der Synode des Mittelwestens die Grüße der Synode übermitteln.

Artikel X.

Vertagung.

Bei Beginn einer jeden Sitzung wurde das Protokoll vom vorigen Tage verlesen, korrigiert und angenommen.

Nachdem alle Geschäfte erledigt waren, erfolgte die letzte Registration. Die Registration ergab, daß ein Quorum anwesend war.

Darauf wurde das Protokoll der letzten Sitzung verlesen, korrigiert und angenommen, dann wurde das Protokoll als Ganzes angenommen.

Dann wurde der Vorschlag zur Vertagung gemacht und angenommen.

Die Synode vertagte sich Samstag nachmittag, den 28. August, um 3:30 P.M., indem die Synodalen gemeinschaftlich das Glaubensbekenntnis und das Gebet des Herrn sprachen. Der Präsident erteilte den Segen, worauf die Synode den 9. Lob und Segensspruch sang.

Der Präsident erklärte hierauf die Synode des Nordwestens als vertagt, um sich wieder zu versammeln am ersten Dienstag nach dem ersten Montag im September, d. i. 5. September 1938, an einem Ort und zu einer Stunde, die von der Exekutive zu bestimmen sind.

F. W. Knatz, Präsident.
H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.
E. H. Weßler, Vize-Präsident.
Heinrich C. Nott, Vorsitzender pro tem.

Für getreue Abschrift des Originalprotokolls, sowie für getreue Uebersetzung der in englischer Sprache eingereichten Berichte bürgt:

(Siegel.) H. K. Hartmann, Ständiger Schreiber.

Anhang.

Verzeichnis der Behördeglieder mit dem Jahr des Ablaufs ihrer Dienstzeit.

Missionshausbehörde:

1938: Pastor C. M. DeBuhr.
1939: Pastor E. L. Worthman.
1940: Aeltester C. Weckmüller.

Departement des Nordwestens:

1938: Pastor E. H. Vornholt.
1939: Pastor Paul Großhüsch, D.D.
1940: Pastor A. Geo. Schmid.

Verlagshausbehörde:

1938: Pastor H. C. Nott, D.D.
1939: Aeltester Alfred Treick.
1940: Pastor John Bodenman.

Waisenhausbehörde:

1938: Aeltester John Dick.
1939: Pastor F. W. Knatz.

Erziehungsbehörde:

1938: Pastor E. G. Krampe, D.D.
1938: Aeltester Wm. Johanning.
1939: Prof. Alvin Grether.
1940: Pastor E. H. Weßler, D.D.

Altenheimbehörde:

1938: Aeltester Wm. Rodewald.
1939: Pastor H. G. Schmid.

Haushalterschaftsbehörde: (Vorsitzende der klassikalen Ausschüsse)

Ursinus-Klassis—Pastor A. C. Fischer, Vorsitzender.
Sheboygan-Klassis—Pastor Gilbert Wernecke.
Milwaukee-Klassis—Pastor F. W. Knatz.
Minnesota-Klassis—Pastor F. C. Stucki.
Nebraska-Klassis—Pastor C. Wm. Deglow.
Süd-Dakota-Klassis—Pastor K. J. Stübbe, D.D.
Portland-Oregon-Klassis—Pastor A. Lienkämper.
West-Canada-Klassis—Pastor John Schlamp.
Eureka-Klassis—Pastor Geo. Wolfe.
California-Klassis—Pastor Edw. Evemeyer, D.D.

II. Zeit der Kollekten.

Missionshaus: Am Weihnachtsfest der Gemeinde und am Reformationsfest.
Einheimische Mission: Passions- und Osterzeit in Gemeinden und Sonntagsschulen.
Heiden-Mission: Am Heidenmissionstag (Februar) oder an einem andern passenden Sonntag.
Kirchbaufonds: Am Pfingsttag in Gemeinden und Sonntagsschulen.
Waisenhaus: Am Weihnachtsfest der Sonntagsschule.
Erziehungsbehörde: Am Kindertag oder an einem andern passenden Sonntag.

An Missions- und Erntedankfesten sollen Kollekten erhoben werden mit besonderer Berücksichtigung der Einheimischen und Ausländischen Mission und des Missionshauses.

Wegen Berichterstattung über Kollekten, siehe Ständige Regel: „Jede Gemeinde soll ihre Gaben unter dem Namen der Pfarrstelle, **wie in der Statistik der Klassis angegeben,** einsenden, **und auch den Namen der Klassis beifügen.**"

III. Ständige Regeln.

Siehe Blaubuch.

IV. Schema für Parochialberichte.

(Anmerkung: Es ist nur über diejenigen Punkte zu berichten, über welche etwas zu berichten ist.)

Einleitung oder Vorbemerkung — (kurz).

Teile: I. Der Pastor und seine Tätigkeit.
II. Der Kirchenrat und seine Tätigkeit.
III. Die Gemeinde und ihre Tätigkeit.
IV. Besondere Ereignisse.
V. Gesuche.

I. Der Pastor und seine Tätigkeit.

1. Sein geistliches und leibliches Wohlergehen.

a) Sein geistliches Wohlergehen.
(Glaubenskämpfe, Seelenleiden und -freuden, Studien usw.)

b) Sein leibliches Wohlergehen.
(Gesundheit, Freuden, Heimsuchungen, finanzielles Auskommen usw.)

2. Seine Tätigkeit.

a) als Prediger (Verkündiger des Wortes, durch Abhaltung von Gottesdiensten, Abendmahl, Gebetsstunden, Vorträgen usw., usw.)

b) als Pastor (Seelsorger), durch Pastoralbesuche, wie oft und wie? durch Krankenbesuche und Privatseelsorge usw.

c) als Lehrer an einer Anstalt oder als Verfasser von Schriften.

d) als Mitarbeiter am Aufbau der eigenen Gemeinde oder des Reiches Gottes im allgemeinen und als Behördemitglied usw. und als Bürger usw.

3. **Sein Verhältnis** (Einvernehmen)
   a) zum Kirchenrat.
   b) zur Gemeinde (Schulen und Vereine eingeschlossen).

II. Der Kirchenrat und seine Tätigkeit.

1. **Als Mitarbeiter des Pastors durch Haus- und Krankenbesuche.**
2. **Als Vorbild und Leiter der Herde.**
   a) im Besuch der Gottesdienste, der Sonntagsschule und des Unterrichts.
   b) als Leiter aller Gemeindeangelegenheiten.
   c) als Ausüber der Bußzucht.
3. **Seine Stellung zu der Klassis, der Synode und der Lehre der Kirche** durch Sendung von Delegaten und Ausführung der Beschlüsse— und Bekämpfung von Irrlehren.

III. Die Gemeinde und ihre Tätigkeit.

A) Innerer Zustand der Gemeinde.

1. **Gebrauch derGnadenmittel.**
   a) des Wortes Gottes — aa) Besuch der Gottesdienste, bb) Achtung und Unterwerfung unter das Wort, cc) Lesen des Wortes Gottes.
   b) der Sakramente: Gebrauch der Taufe, des Abendmahls, usw.
   c) des Gebetes: Hausandacht — Tischgebet — das Gebet im stillen und öffentlich.
   d) der Almosen: Wie werden die Almosengelder gegeben und verwendet? usw.
2. **Doktrinäres Verhältnis.** Konservativ oder neuerungssüchtig? ausgeprägt reformiert oder indifferent? kaltformell oder lebendig im Glauben?
3. **Erziehung.**
   a) im Hause durch Zucht und Vermahnung.
   b) in der Sonntagsschule (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   c) in der Religionsschule (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   d) im Konfirmandenunterricht (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   e) in den Jugendvereinen (Vorzüge und Mängel),
   f) allgemein für alle durch gute Literatur (Kirchenzeitung, Erbauungsbücher usw.
4. **Sitten.**
   a) Gottvertrauen mit Bezug auf die ersten vier Gebote.
   b) Nächstenliebe mit Bezug auf die letzten sechs Gebote.
5. **Gebräuche,** unterschiedliche von der Ordnung der Ref. Kirche.
6. **Opfer** (hier sollte gesagt werden, aus welcher Quelle die Gaben für die verschiedenen Synodalanstalten, Missionen und Fonds angegeben werden, so lange die Synode dafür keine besondere Statistik hat.
   a) für Arme (Armenpflege, Altenheim usw.)
   b) für Kranke (Krankenpflege und Unterstützung.)
7. **Missionstätigkeit durch Gründung** von neuen Missionen und S.-Schulen in der Umgebung der Gemeinde.
8. **Andre Züge des innern Zustandes der Gemeinde.** Vereinswesen usw.

B) Aeußerer Zustand der Gemeinde.

1. **Gemeindeeigentum** (hier sollten nur die Abänderungen berichtet werden)
   a) Worin solches besteht (Land, Gebäude, Fonds usw.)
   b) Wert und Zustand desselben.
   c) Versicherung.
   d) Verbesserungen und Neubauten.

2. **Finanzen.**
   a) Schulden und deren Abtragung.
   b) Einnahmequellen.

3. **Ruf und Einfluß der Gemeinde in der Umgebung.**

4. **Aussicht auf Zuwachs.**

IV. Besondere Ereignisse.

1. **Heimsuchungen durch Krankheit, Unglücksfälle und Tod usw.**

2. **Predigerwechsel.**

3. **Jubiläum oder außergewöhnliche Feste.**

V. Gesuche.

V. Versammlungen der Synode des Nordwestens mit Angabe der Zeit, des Ortes und der Beamten.

	Zeit	Ort	Praesident	Schatzmeister	St. Schreiber
1867	28. Mai	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	M. Stern	J. W. Brown	J. H. Klein
1868	14. Mai	I. Gem., Indianapolis, Ind.	M. Stern	”	”
1869	20. Mai	Howards Grove, Wis.	M. Stern	”	”
1869	23. Nov.	Crestline, Ohio	Spezialsitzung	”	”
1870	9. Juni	Chicago, Illinois	P. Greding	”	C. Schaaf
1871	1. Juni	I. Gem., Cleveland, Ohio	J. H. Klein	”	”
1872	23. Mai	Galion, Ohio	J. H. Klein	”	”
1873	6. Juni	I. Gem., Indianapolis, Ind.	H. A. Muehlmeier	”	”
1874	1. Apr.	Sandusky, Ohio	H. A. Muehlmeier	”	”
1875	28. Mai	Zions Gem., Louisville, Ky.	J. F. H. Dieckmann	”	”
1876	8. Juni	Terre Haute, Ind.	J. H. Klein	”	”
1877	24. Mai	Sheboygan, Wis.	P. Joerris	F. Forwick	”
1878	24. Apr.	Salems Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	H. J. Ruetenik	”	J. J. Janett
1879	1. Okt.	Galion, Ohio	J. G. Zahner	”	”
1880	6. Okt.	I. Gem., Cleveland, Ohio	C. T. Martin	”	”
1881	5. Okt.	Chicago, Illinois	H. A. Muehlmeier	”	”
1882	18. Okt.	Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. Schaaf	F. W. Scheele	”
1883	3. Okt.	Milwaukee, Wis.	J. F. H. Dieckmann	”	”
1884	2. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	M. G. I. Stern	”	”
1885	7. Okt.	Terre Haute, Ind.	M. G. I. Stern	”	”
1886	6. Okt.	Franklin, Wis.	F. Grether	”	”
1887	28. Sep.	Wheatland, Iowa	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1888	5. Okt.	Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. F. Kriete	F. W. Hoff	”
1889	25. Sep.	Riceville (Jackson), Wis.	C. Schaaf	”	”
1890	3. Sep.	St. Joh. Kir., Indianapolis, Ind.	C. T. Martin	”	”
1891	7. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1892	5. Okt.	Town Herman, Wis.	H. C. Nott	”	”
1893	4. Okt.	Lafayette, Ind.	J. O. Vitz	”	”
1894	3. Okt.	St. Louis, Mo.	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1895	3. Okt.	Milwaukee, Wis.	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1896	7. Okt.	Terre Haute, Ind.	J. Kuelling	”	”
1897	6. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	J. Kuelling	”	”
1898	3. Okt.	Sheboygan, Wis.	J. Hauser	”	”
1899	27. Sep.	Im. Kirche, Indianapolis, Ind.	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1900	3. Okt.	Salems Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1901	2. Okt.	Milwaukee, Wis.	F. Grether	”	”
1902	1. Okt.	Magley, Ind.	F. Grether	”	”
1903	30. Sep.	Town Herman, Wis.	H. C. Nott	”	”
1904	14. Sep.	Baxter, Iowa	H. C. Nott	”	”
1905	4. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	W. F. Horstmeier	”	”
1906	3. Okt.	Terre Haute, Ind.	J. F. Winter	”	”
1907	2. Okt.	Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. F. Kriete	”	”
1908	7. Okt.	Kiel, Wis.	J. O. Vitz	”	”
1909	6. Okt.	Huntington, Ind.	F. Grether	”	”
1910	5. Okt.	Sheboygan, Wis.	H. W. Vitz	”	”
1911	11. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	L. H. Kunst	”	”
1912	25. Sep.	Town Herman, Wis.	E. G. Krampe	”	”
1912	4. Dez.	Plymouth, Wis.	Spezialsitzung	”	”
1913	8. Okt.	Salems Kir., Lafayette, Ind.	E. G. Krampe	”	”
1914	30. Sep.	Zions Kirche, Waukon, Iowa	E. G. Krampe	W. Streblow	J. Schmalz
1915	29. Sep.	St. Pauls Kir., Wheatland, Ia.	F. Grether	”	”
1916	4. Okt.	Sarons Kir., Sheb. Falls, Wis.	Geo. Grether	”	”
1917	2. Okt.	Zions Kir., Sheboygan, Wis.	Dr. J. J. Janett	”	”
1918	2. Okt.	Im. Kirche, Greenwood, Wis.	A. Muehlmeier	”	”
1919	17. Okt.	Zwingli Kir., Monticello, Wis.	V. Rettig	”	”
1920	13. Okt.	Town Herman, Wis.	V. Rettig	”	E. G. Krampe
1921	12. Okt.	Plymouth, Wis.	F. A. Rittershaus	”	”
1922	4. Okt.	Immanuels Kir., Sutton, Neb.	Paul Traeger	”	”
1923	19. Sep.	Salems Gem., Ludlow, Iowa	Paul Traeger	”	”
1924	24. Sep.	Imm. Gem., Klemme, Iowa	A. Muehlmeier	”	”
1925	23. Sep.	Potter, Wis.	H. T. Vriesen	”	”
1926	14. Sep.	Menno, S. Dak.	H. T. Vriesen	”	”
1927	6. Sep.	Immanuels Kir., Sutton, Neb.	E. L. Worthman	”	”
1928	4. Sep.	Waukesha, Wis.	K. J. Ernst	”	”
1929	3. Sep.	Wheatland, Iowa	K. J. Ernst	”	”
1930	2. Sep.	Garner, Iowa	K. J. Ernst	”	”
1931	8. Sep.	Sauk City, Wis.	H. G. Settlage	”	”
1932	6. Sep.	Mission House	Josias Friedli	”	”
1933	5. Sep.	Kiel, Wis.	Josias Friedli	”	”
1934	4. Sep.	New Glarus, Wis.	Josias Friedli	”	”
1935	3. Sep.	Sheboygan, Wis.	K. J. Stuebbe	”	”
1936	8. Sep.	Plymouth, Wis.	K. J. Stuebbe	”	H. K. Hartmann
1937	24. Aug.	Mission House	F. W. Knatz	”	”

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES
(Evangelical and Reformed)

Mission House, R. F. D. 3, Plymouth, Wisconsin

ARTICLE I

1. **Opening Service**

The Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in general convention at the Mission House, R. R. 3, Plymouth, Wisconsin, in its 71st annual session August 24 to August 29, 1937.

The session was opened with a religious service Tuesday, August 24, 1937, at 7:30 P.M. in the Hall used for devotions of the Mission House at which service the President, Rev. K. J. Stuebbe, D.D., preached the sermon on Jes. 62:6-7, and the Vice President, Rev. F. W. Knatz, led the liturgical part. The President of the Mission House, Dr. Paul Grosshuesch, mentioned after the invocation the 75th anniversary of the Mission House and welcomed the delegates most heartily.

After the Synod had been called to order for its business session, the Registrar reported that a quorum was present.

Synod proceeded to the election of a president and a vice president. The Stated Clerk read the rules concerning election.

Rev. F. W. Knatz was elected president and Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., was elected Vice President. The President took the chair and expressed his thanks for the confidence shown him.

The various rules of order pertaining to leave of absence and claims for mileage were read by the Stated Clerk, then the order of business as given in the blue book was adopted and its contents referred to the respective committees.

The necessary announcements were made.

Synod then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday morning at 8:30 and was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by the President.

ARTICLE II

1. Registration

The Registrar reported at the opening of every session and also after the final roll call. A quorum was present at every session.

The complete record of daily registration, members present, attendance, and leave of absence will be found in Art. II, section 1 of the German portion of the minutes.

2. Advisory Members and Visitors

The following report of the committee was adopted as a whole:

Your Committee reports that the following persons attended the sessions of the Synod and were welcomed by the President.

A. As Advisory Members

Rev. Gilbert Schroer, Missionary Morioka, Japan, West Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod,

Rev. E. J. Strassburger, Emanuel's Church, New York Classis, Eastern Synod,

Rev. J. M. G. Darms, D.D., Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Secretary of Churchman's Brotherhood.

Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, D.D., Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod, President of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Rev. Daniel Burghalter, D.D., Tiffin, Ohio, Central Classis, Ohio Synod,

Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., Reading Classis, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions,

Rev. W. F. Lahr, St. Luke's Congregation, Jeffersonville, Indiana, Kentucky Classis, Mid-West Synod,

Rev. H. E. Settlage, First, Fostoria, Ohio, North-East Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod,

Rev. Herbert Wernecke, D.D., West Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod, Prof. of Biblical Interpretation, Eden Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.,

Rev. Wm. E. Lampe, Ph.D., LL.D., Secretary to the Executive Committee of General Synod, Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod,

Rev. A. Ruehlman, Hoisington, Kansas, Missouri-Kansas Classis, Mid-West Synod,

Prof. Ernst Fledderjohn, Mission House, Plymouth, Wisconsin, Chicago Classis, Mid-West Synod.

Rev. Paul Land, Ph.D., Harbor Mission, New York City, New York Classis, Eastern Synod,

Rev. John C. Horning, D.D., Missouri-Kansas Classis, Mid-West Synod, Superintendent of the Central and Mid-West Department of Board of Home Missions,

Rev. A. Stienecker, Fort Wayne Classis, Mid-West Synod, Supertintendent of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home;

B. As Visitors

Rev. J. M. DeVries, Sibley, Iowa, Pleasant Prairie Classis of the Reformed Church in America,

Rev. Wm. Schultz, Schwarzwald Church near Mission House, Evangelical Synod,

Rev. M. H. Qual, Pastor emeritus, Reformed Church in America,

Rev. George Eisenach, Emanuel Congregational Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

Your committee

WM. OELRICH, A. J. KRUETZMANN, G. KRAMPE

ARTICLE III

Organization

1. RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order of the Reformed Church in the United States were observed in the transaction of all business. All sessions were opened and closed with prayer.

The first 12 rows of chairs in the devotion hall were designated by the President as the Bar of the house.

2. OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD

President: Rev. F. W. Knatz, 2735 N. 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Vice President: Rev. Edw. H. Wessler, D.D., 612 Erie Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Stated Clerk: Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Sutton, Nebraska.

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Arno George Schmid, New Holstein, Wisconsin.

Treasurer: Mr. Wm. Streblow, R. F. D. 1, Plymouth, Wis.

Registrar: Rev. C. Wm. Deglow, R. R. 4, Columbus, Nebr.

Custodian of Archives: Committee consisting of Rev. H. T. Vriesen, O. Menke, Prof. Jos. Bauer, and Elder C. Arnhoelter.

3. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The order of business as indicated in the Blue Book was carried out as well as possible, however, the noon intermission Saturday, August 28, was changed from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

ARTICLE IV

Appointment of Committees

The President announced the appointment of all committees required by order of business for Synod, and these appointments were adopted by Synod. See complete list of all committees in German section of Minutes, Art. IV.

ARTICLE V

Presentation of the Blue Book and Other Documents

1. According to the custom of the Synod all reports of the Synodical Boards and the statements of the Boards of General Synod were assembled and sent to all delegates before the meetiug of the Synod in the form of a Blue Book.

2. All classical reports on the State of the Church were sent to the President of Synod; all reports on educational matters were sent to the Synodical Board on Education, the Rev. E. G. Krampe, D.D., with statistic No. C and D; all reports on Stewardship were sent to Rev. A. C. Fischer, chairman of Synodical Board on Stewardship, all the other minutes were sent to Rev. O. Menke, chairman of Committee on Minutes of the Classes.

All requests for leave of absence and all overtures from whose content it clearly appeared to which committee they were to be referred, were so referred in accordance with the ruling of the Synod. All other documents were duly presented to Synod through the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VI

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

1. Report of the President on the State of Church

The report of the President was presented on Wednesday morning and accepted. Synod united in a short memorial service. The Stated Clerk read the statistical report. Both the report of the President and the summary of Statistics A and B, were ordered to be published in the Kirchenzeitung.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

DEAR BRETHREN: With reference to the reports on the State of Church we would endeavor to present to Synod a picture of the whole church, in order that the church may be in a position to visualize the conditions in its bounds. As a matter of fact this report must be based upon the reports of State of Church of the various Classes.

All reports testify to the great grace of God who again bore us upon eagles' wings. In the past year everything occurred according to the word of God and therefore we can say, that everything was well.

The Pastors and Their Activity

The pastors with but a few interruptions could carry out their work in a year, which was full of labor and cares. If special trials and tribulations are not mentioned in the reports, this fact is not a proof, that the brethren are not acquainted with these struggles, but a sign of humility and faith, which teaches us not to publish it abroad, but to leave

everything to the Lord, who thoroughly knows us and will turn all suffering and tribulation to our own benefit.

The physical welfare of the ministers is generally reported as good. Several had to suffer under bodily and spiritual ailments. We especially mention that Rev. Schei Kowta had to send his wife and children to Japan where they are still receiving medical care. The wife of Rev. J. Mori died on her way to Brazil to which country Rev. Mori went on a missionary journey. The widow of the late Rev. Meyer also passed away. The Rev. Prof. Dr. K. J. Ernst was seriously ill for a long time. Praise and thanks to the Lord that life and health were granted and restored to him.

The financial condition of the ministers seems to have improved. Yet the complaints have not subsided regarding the insufficient financial support of ministers by their congregations. Our congregations should be reminded that in a time when prices for food are advancing, salaries should not only be paid punctually, but should also be raised wherever possible. Several Classes have taken upon themselves the support of a home missionary in their bounds.

The ministers were anxious to preach to their congregations the truth of the gospel. For this reason the main emphasis was put upon the preaching of the word of God, the administering of the Holy Sacraments, the education of the youth, and the making of pastoral visitations and sick calls.

The relation of the pastors to their consistories was in all cases harmonious, although in a few cases there were complaints about petty faultfinding.

The Consistories and Their Activities

The activity of the consistories is in all reports highly commended, although elders and deacons have, as humans, their shortcomings also. They faithfully assisted their pastors and had the welfare of the congregation at heart, that peace and harmony should prevail in the congregations. In some congregations elders conduct reading services and Sunday-school in the absence of the pastor, yet few seem to assist in making visitations and sick calls.

The church discipline is only mentioned in one report. It appears as if we have here the sore spot. The office of the keys is not carried out fully as it should be.

The Congregations and Their Activities

The attendance at the church services by the members of the congregations is recorded in different ways: good, not so good, poor, could be better. These are expressions which are used in the reports. Snow and ice have very often kept the members away from the services, but other reasons are given also, among those the love for the world and its lust.

With a few exceptions all infants are brought to be baptized. Concerning the Lord's Supper the reports do not sound quite so favorable.

Although an increase in attendance is recorded in a few congregations, the communion guests have decreased in other congregations. There is a strong complaint that many members never partake of the Lord's Supper.

With reference to the prayer-life a number of reports are silent on this subject, others emphasize that the prayer at the table is still generally in use, but that devotions ought to be practiced more in the homes.

About Christian alms mention will be made in another report. However, we like to emphasize that we are still very lax in this respect. There is money for everything else, but the Church is begging for bread. It is true, worms, grasshoppers, drought have impoverished our congregations, but we fear that many a man hides behind the visitations of God, to cover up his avarice. In many places the envelope system is used and commended.

In the field of Christian education not much progress is mentioned. In every report it is emphasized. The methods are vastly different. Most of our congregations depend upon the approved Sunday-schools, Vacation Bible schools, confirmation instruction and societies for the instruction of the young in the one thing that is needful. Reformed literature and reading material is used but little. This is to be regretted especially since sectarian literature and worldly trash are so widely distributed nowadays.

Several improvements on church properties and several new buildings are mentioned. Some congregations endeavored to reduce their indebtedness. Other congregations are facing the problem of building, but are unable to do so on account of crop failures.

Anniversaries

In almost every report anniversaries of different kinds are mentioned. We only wish to mention the 75th anniversary of our Mission House. The history of this institution is more or less familiar to us all. It is so closely related with the growth of our Synod, that we are inclined to say, that the history of our Mission House is the history of the Northwest Synod. We in the Synod of the Northwest have every reason to rejoice with our Alma Mater and to thank God for His gracious help and preservation.

Aged Ministers

Quite a number of brethren have retired from the active service of the Church. Even though they do serve no congregations, they are active as far as their strength allows. They would like to be in our midst at this time but this is not possible with many. They are still with us, in love we remember them and mention their names as proof of the unchanging grace of our heavenly father: Wilhelm Diehm, A. C. Plappert, John Gatermann, J. M. Bauer, J. Rosenau, H. Niehaus, H. E. Grieb, M. Denny, P. Bauer, M. Nuss, W. J. Bonekaemper, J. Christ, C. Ruppert, A. Haller-Leuz, W. Wittenberg, Prof. K. F. Hagenmeier, Ph.D., W. F. Horstmeier, D.D., C. Dahn. May they have a pleasant and peaceful life until the Lord shall call them to their reward.

Necrology

No pastor was called home since the last report, but 14 elders were called to their eternal rest. Their names are presented here to Rev. Synod: James Binning, Wilhelm Neumann, Otto Schnell, Peter Dennerlein, Henry J. Koehler, Christian Hartmann, Gerhard Feldmann, John Morschen, Fred Greimann, August Hase, Albert Klingbeil, John Kelting, Ludwig Schnabel, Gottlieb Graf, Sr.

We close this report with the word of the Psalmist: Psalm 122:6-9 —Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

K. J. STUEBBE, *President*

2. Report of the Stated Clerk

The following report was adopted as a whole.

The various tasks which were intrusted in the past year to the Stated Clerk by Synod were attended to by the undersigned to the best of his ability. A complete report was given to the Executive Committee (See Minutes of the Executive Committee).

The following printned proceedings of other Church organizations were forwarded to the Stated Clerk:

a. Minutes of the Synod of the Mid-West 1936.
b. Minutes of Ohio Synod
c. Bulletin of Philadelphia Classis.
d. Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society.

These documents will be added to the Archives after the Synod meeting.

Unfortunately the minutes were not quite ready for publication when the undersigned moved to his new charge in Sutton, Nebraska. Therefore the minutes appeared a little late. To California Classis the undersigned forwarded all resolutions directly. However, on account of the printing of the statistics the minutes appeared too late when Portland-Oregon Classis was in session. However, to some extent this Classis took the work of the Church into consideration. The minutes of Synod shall also be considered at a special meeting of Portland-Oregon Classis September 28, 1937.

In view of these facts undersigned begs Synod's forebearance, since conditions caused a rather late appearance of the minutes.

Concerning the printing of the Statistics of Classes the Executive Board of Synod will present a special report for consideration and adoption.

The undersigned attended the meeting of the Synod of the Mid-West one day and took part in counting the votes for the newly elected Professor for Practical Theology. Dr. Fledderjohn wishes to express to Synod his gratitude for the confidence shown him.

According to the rule of Synod all classical reports on the State of Church were sent to the President of Synod, all reports on Education

and Stewardship were also detached from the minutes of Classes and forwarded to the respective Chairman of Synodical Committees, also all other documents were handed over to the respective committees.

The Statistics for Synod were furnished for this year by the Stated Clerk of General Synod, Dr. Rauch Stein, in Philadelphia. Several corrections had to be made later according to corrections from Dr. Stein.

The mailing list for Blue Books and minutes of Synod was most carefully revised. In this respect the undersigned is thankful to the brethren for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. HARTMANN, *Stated Clerk*

3. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer submitted his report on Wednesday morning. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance together with all books and vouchers. (See complete report in Art. VI, item 3 of the German section of the minutes.)

4. Report of the Executive Board (Trustees)

The members of the Executive Board beg to report the following to Synod:

In several meetings the officers of the Synod have most carefully considered the resolutions of the Synod and attended to the same. All instructions were carried out to the best of their ability. Details thereof can be found in the minutes of the proceedings which are attached to this report to be handed over to Synod.

The officers wish to present the following items to Synod for further action and consideration.

1. The Harbor Missionary, Rev. Paul Land, has overtured the Executive Board to grant him the former support of the Synod. The Executive Board refers this petition to Synod with the expectation that Synod will pay for 1936 the sum of $136 to the Harbor Missionary, and asks Synod for further support of the Harbor Mission. For further consideration we enclose herewith an overture of last year from Dr. Schaeffer.

We further recommend the following for adoption:

2. The classical reports on Christian Education should be forwarded to the Director of Christian Education immediately after Classis session.

3. Attention of Synod is called to the fact that a note of Nebraska Classis of the year 1934 amounting to $75 is due. Synod is requested to act in this matter.

4. We call attention of Synod to the fact that 3 cents per member were paid by the treasurer of Synod to the Central Publishing House April 23, but not all interests were paid on the annuity bonds.

5. We recommend that Synod should no longer print the Statistical reports of the Classes in the Proceedings of Synod since these statistics are forwarded to every pastor of the Church before the Minutes of Synod

are published. The enclosed letter from Dr. Lampe lends emphasis to our recommendation. Henceforth Synod should publish only the totals of Classical Statistics.

Respectfully submitted,
K. J. STUEBBE, *President*
H. K. HARTMANN, *Stated Clerk*
WM. STREBLOW, *Treasurer*

Action of Synod:

Item 1, referred to the Committee on Missions.
Items 2 and 5 adopted.
Item 3, referred to Special Committee No. 1.
Item 4, referred to Committee on Publication.

Then the report was adopted as a whole with the following resolution: The Executive Board of the Synod shall ask General Synod for the necessary copies of the statistics which refer to the Classes of Northwest Synod. These statistics shall be attached to the Proceedings of the Synod.

Report of Special Committee No. 1. Note of $75 of Nebraska Classis.

(See particulars in the German portion of the Synod under Section Article VI. 4.)

5. Report of the Committee on Archives

The report of the Committee was adopted and the Committee was retained for another year. See particulars in the German portion of the Synod under Art. VI. 5.

ARTICLE VII

Statement of the Executive Committee of General Synod

The statement of the Executive Board of General Synod was given to every delegate in the Blue Book, pages 70-72.

Dr. W. E. Lampe addressed Synod, giving further information. Address and information were referred to the respective committees.

ARTICLE VIII

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

1. On Religious Services

The Report of the Committee was presented at the proper time and adopted as a whole by Synod. The complete program will be found in Article VIII, 1, of the German section of the minutes.

Other Addresses and Lecture

1. On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Dr. J. Friedli delivered his lecture.

Action of Synod: This lecture shall be printed in the proceedings of the Synod of the Northwest. Synod thanked Dr. J. Friedli with a rising vote. Then the lecture with all other remarks was referred to Special Committee No. II.

Report of Special Committee No. II

This report was adopted. See under Art. VIII. 1. in the German portion of the minutes.

2. The representatives of the various Boards were given opportunity to address Synod in behalf of their respective work. The contents of these addresses were referred to the proper committees.

(For full list see Art. VIII. 1.)

3. The Educational Conference was held on Thursday afternoon under the leadership of Dr. E. G. Krampe.

4. The Stewardship Conference was held on Friday afternoon under the leadership of Rev. A. G. Schmid for elders, and Rev. A. C. Fischer for ministers.

2. Minutes of General Synod

(Translation)

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: From the proceedings of General Synod we call attention to the following items which refer to our Synod especially, and to the Church in general:

1. Page 33. Amounts due to the Contingent Fund of the General Synod from our Synod: $1033.46, that is: Manitoba Classis, $292.83; Eureka Classis, $545.19; North Dakota Classis, $154.81; Edmonton Classis, $40.63.

2. Page 51. The Executive Committee recommends the Syrian Orphanage at Jerusalem to the churches.

3. Page 64. The General Synod voted to continue its relation with the Federal Council.

4. Page 64 (also page 53) That a permanent Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism be appointed and maintained in each Classis of the Church.

5. Page 64. The four principles for Christian Stewardship as given on page 54 shall be generally observed. Synods, Classes and congregations shall place their activities in Stewardship under a Kingdom Service Committee (page 54).

6. Pages 65 and 171. Special days for the whole Church:

Foreign Missions: Jan. 6 until 2nd Sunday in February.
Christian Education: May 15 until 2nd Sunday in June.

Home Missions: September 15 until 2nd Sunday in October.
Ministerial Relief: Last Sunday in October or one of the first Sundays in November.

7. Pages 65 and 59. Uniform Annuity Agreements for the institutions of the whole Church were adopted.

8. Page 66. Apportionments for the R Group: Home Missions $1.00; Foreign Missions $1.00; Christian Education 14 Cents; Ministerial Relief 23 cents.

9. Page 124, item 10. Requests from the Synod of the Northwest for a feasible plan of adjustment of pastors' salaries was referred to a special committee to report to the next General Synod.

10. Page 127, item 44. One of the first Sundays after Easter shall be devoted to the claims of the Lord's Day Alliance for the proper observance of the consecration of the Sunday. An appropriate sermon shall be preached.

11. Page 128, item 46. Pastors of the R or E group shall, until the adoption of the new constitution, govern themselves by the mode of procedure prevailing in the respective District or Classis.

12. Page 129, item 48. Petitions from the bounds of the Synod of the Northwest referring to the new constitution are declared "attended to" after the adoption of the same.

13. Page 149, item 6. Pastors are urged to consider any of the C.C.C. Camps in their immediate neighborhood as part of their charge.

14. Page 171 1ff. Congregations, Classes, and Synods shall have the full support of the Ministerial Relief at heart.

15. Page 199, item 8. Since a number of vacancies are existing in the Foreign Mission Field, the united Church is requested to name to the Board of Foreign Missions suitable physicians, nurses, missionaries, and teachers. Fitting persons should be made acquainted with these vacancies.

16. Page 256, item 1. The entire Church is summoned to strive for new heights in spiritual insight, determination and consecration, so that the present crisis in civilization may be met by our communion with the Spirit of the full understanding of the will of God. The Clarion Call of General Synod to the Church, pages 61 and 66, should be taken into consideration.

17. Page 279, items 1-7. Since the activities of the Auxiliary Organizations as Woman's Organizations, and Churchmen's Brotherhood are a great benefit for the Church, the Church wishes to express its gratitude to these organizations and hopes for further expansion.

18. Page 287. The Church is informed that the opportunity to insure in the Mutual Fire and Storm Association is open also to all the members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

19. Page 298. The American Bible Society which, at the present time has published the Bible in 954 different languages and has also published a Bible for the Blind, expects from the Church a liberal support.

20. Page 301. The place of meeting for the next General Synod shall be in Columbus, Ohio, in St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, June 22, 1938, at 7:45 P.M.

JOHN BODENMAN
FRANK E. STUCKI
WM. RODEWALD

Action of Synod:

Item 1. Referred to the Committee on Finances.

Items 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 18. Notice taken.

Items 4, 10, 13. Adopted.

Item 7. Notice taken. The attention of the Board shall be directed to that item.

Item 14. Referred to the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Item 15. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 16. Referred to Committee on Evangelism.

Item 17. The respective items were referred to the Committee on Men's League and Woman's Missionary Society.

Item 20. Notice taken. The attention of the Classes is directed to that item.

In addition to item 10 it was resolved that Synod shall appoint a Special Committee No. III, which shall submit to Synod resolutions concerning "Keeping of the Sabbath Day."

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO. III

Sabbath Observance

Whereas the idea of Sabbath observance did not originate in the thought or the councils of man, but is rooted and grounded in and springs from the command of God: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," a command given, not for the purpose of restriction, detrimental to the best interests of man, but for the loving purpose of promoting the physical, mental, and moral welfare of man and preserving for him those "inanlienable rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" and

Whereas, the beneficent impress of Christianity on our national and community life in past years has richly justified the position of the founders of our Republic relative to Sabbath observance, and

Whereas, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" and the transgressing of the laws of God by a nation, a state, or an individual can lead but in one direction—the incurring of Divine disfavor and final disaster

Therefore be it *resolved:*

1. That we as a Synod look with disfavor upon any and every attempt through legislation or by any other means to do away with the Lord's Day;

2. That we pledge our moral, and if it be desired, our material support to the Lord's Day Alliance or kindred organizations and movements for the preservation or restoration of the Lord's Day;
3. That we urge our pastors to stress from the pulpit and in the training of our youth the profound significance of this sacred institution;
4. That we overture the General Synod of our united Church to take action similar to the above.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE GRETHER, O. J. VRIESEN, JULIUS H. OCHS

Action of Synod: The report was adopted as a whole, a copy shall be forwarded to the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance in Milwaukee.

3. On Minutes of Synod

To the Synod of the Northwest:

In the synodical proceedings of last year the following items require the attention of your Synod. They are the following:

I. Committees which should report this year:

1. Special Committee No. III, Overture No. 17 from Rev. Caleb Hauser. Rev. C. Hauser, Chairman.

2. Special Committee No. IV, Removal of Members. Pages 34 and 35. Rev. W. Huber, Chairman.

3. Committee on Students' Aid (Pages 55 and 107)

II. Recommendations and References to Classes

1. Synod recommended all the various branches of our Church to the Classes for energetic support. The actions are mentioned in the reports of the different committees as follows: Pages 30, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58.

The Committee on Classes must report about the actions of the Classes.

2. Special references to Classes.

a. Attention of Ursinus Classis is directed to action of Synod, page 35, b, c, d.

b. Milwaukee Classis is referred to the recommendations page 49, g and h.

c. Information to Sheboygan Classis concerning Heidelberg League, page 50, 3.

d. Page 57, V. 1. A special apportionment shall be raised of 3 cents per confirmed member for the payment of the annuity bonds of the Publishing House through the Classes.

III. Instructions to the Officers

1. Page 25/26, 2. Referring the Lincoln matter to General Synod.

2. Instructions concerning this year's program:

a. Page 30, 2, 4. The Synodical Sunday shall be set aside for the Jubilee of the Mission House.

b. Page 30, 3. One evening shall be reserved for the Alumni Association.

c. A lecture shall be given, page 45.

d. Page 52, 5. A conference on Stewardship shall be conducted.

e. Page 54, 3. The Men's League shall have an opportunity for discussion.

f. Time of session shall be left to the Executive Board, page 68, 4.

3. Resolutions to be carried out by the officers:

a. Page 34. Purchase of a mimeograph for the Director of Christian Education.

b. Page 42, 7. The Treasurer shall pay 50 cents to Prof. A. Grether, expenses.

c. Page 57, V. 1 and 59. The Treasurer shall pay $815 interest for Annuity Bonds of the Publishing House.

d. Page 42, 1. Stated Clerk shall write to Rev. L. Selzer.

e. Page 44, 14. The Corresponding Clerk shall mention in our Church paper our Student Mission Church in Madison, Wisconsin.

f. Page 53, 8. The recommendation of the Committee on Stewardship shall be referred directly from Synod to the consistories of the congregations and pastors.

g. Page 65. Some resolutions shall be given by the President.

h. Page 48, 1. Greetings of felicitations shall be sent to North Japan College, Dr. Schneder, and President D. T. Demura.

i. Page 68, 3. The old typewriter of the former Stated Clerk shall be handed over to the Mission House.

IV. Miscellaneous

1. Page 42. Rev. Bodenman shall continue to gather funds for the suffering fellow Christians in Russia.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. Hartmann, E. G. Krampe, Wm. Johanning

Action of Synod:

Item I was tabled until report of the respective committees, then the item was taken up and recorded: attended to.

Item II. 1, 2, a, b, c, d, were tabled until the report of Committee on Classis, then taken up and recorded: attended to.

Item III, 1 and 3, recorded: Attended to through the report of the Executive Committee.

Item III, 2. Attended to through the Committee on Religious Services.

Item IV. Tabled until the report was read, then taken up and recorded: attended to.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Special Committee No. III of 1936, Overture No. 17 of Rev. C. Hauser

Both reports were read. Copies were made of the recommendations of both reports by Prof. Alvin Grether and Rev. Emil Buehrer. After a lengthy discussion the motion was adopted:

Both reports together with item 7 from the report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning were referred to a Special Committee No. VI consisting of 5 members. The Rev. Prof. Dr. K. L. Ernst shall be the chairman of said committee. The committee shall hand in to Synod a uniform report based upon the two reports at its next session.

(For further information see wording of the two reports in the German portion of the proceedings.)

Report of Special Committee No. IV of 1936

The following report was adopted as a whole.

Not all Classes appointed committees to co-operate with your Central Committee created for the purpose of curtailing losses resulting from removal. No names were sent to your Committee and the result was that no specific work could be performed. Your Committee therefore suggests that all our Classes be requested to appoint a committee which shall function according to the specified plan.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Huber
L. A. Moser
Wm. Egger

4. Committee on Minutes of Classes

Dear Brethren: Your Committee has received the minutes of the various Classes. After careful examination your Committee calls the attention of the Synod to the following items:

I. Things Censurable

1. *Minnesota Classis:*

a. Records that Rev. Buettelle was given a dismissal when it should read that he was received.

b. Receives Student Siegfried Schmiechen without telling from whence.

2. *South Dakota Classis:*

a. Receives Rev. Wm. Korn but does not state from whence.

b. Does not mention what action was taken on items 11 and 12, page 20. It, however, is evident from a Special Committee report that they were referred to a previously appointed committee.

c. On item 13, page 20, with reference to the resolution of the Ebenezer congregation of the Miller Charge no action of the Classis is recorded.

3. *Ursinus Classis:*

a. Does not state what was done with item 16 of Committee on Overtures, although later a Special Committee reports on this item.

4. *Portland-Oregon Classis:*

a. Again overlooks the rule to write not more than one report on one sheet.

5. Most all classical Stated Clerks could be a little more careful in typing figures.

Action of Synod:

I, 1, a, 2 a, b, c, 3 a, 4 a, were adopted.

I, 1 b was cancelled.

I, 5 was adopted and the attention of the Stated Clerks of Classes is directed to this request.

II. Requests and References

1. *Sheboygan Classis:*

a. Sheboygan Classis requests the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Northwest to make provision that the matter of protesting a certain action of General Synod relative to the property rights on the Sustentation Fund of our denomination be given consideration.

This item was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

III. Appeals and Complaints

1. *Portland-Oregon Classis:*

a. No minutes of Synod received by the time of their 1936 session. Requests Synod to instruct its clerk that minutes shall be sent on time.

2. *Nebraska Classis:*

a. Declares Synod's action unconstitutional. The following resolution was adopted: In regard to the overture of the South Dakota Classis requesting consent of Nebraska Classis of the reception of the Free Reformed Church in Sutton, Nebr., into the South Dakota Classis, that the Nebraska Classis by special action is notifying the Synod of the Northwest that Synod's action in this matter is unconstitutional, and therefore null and void.

b. In answer to report of Special Committee II in the matter of a censure of Nebraska Classis, this Classis resolves:

For the sake of clarity, principle, and justice, Nebraska Classis feels constrained to call attention of General Synod to an action of the Synod of the Northwest in which the Executive Committee refers for decision to General Synod according to Articles 157 to 160 a matter pertaining to various actions of Nebraska Classis. (Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, page 25, item 2 , 1936.) In connection therewith we beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Notwithstanding a deliverance of General Synod (See Acts and Proceedings of General Synod for 1929, items 3 and 4, pages 381 and 382, which deals specifically with such a situation, namely that Classis in the

disposition of such matter is sovereign and has the right to act as in its judgment the case may require, and that notwithstanding a similar deliverance of the Synod of the Northwest (Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest 1926, page 23, II, 1-4: English translation, page 94) in which General Synod is requested to take steps to prohibit any minister of our Church from serving opposition congregations, this Synod has censured Nebraska Classis for forbidding any minister of our Church to serve schismatic, otherwise known as opposition-congregation within its bounds, insists that Classis is censurable for such actions and has censured Classis for such measure. The case in question refers to the schismatic congregation in Sutton, Nebraska.

In view of the fact that Classis has taken an action in accordance with that deliverance of General Synod which concedes to Classis the "sovereign right" to take such action as in its judgment the case may require and in view of the fact that General Synod declares that the only grounds for censure are a violation of the Constitution of the Church or an offence against propriety or a neglect of duty and that the action of Classis in no wise contravenes any of these grounds of censure, Nebraska Classis respectfully requests General Synod to take cognizance of the question. We respectfully submit this memorial in order that the stigma of an unjust censure of Nebraska Classis be removed, and Classis freed of blame.

3. *South Dakota Classis:*

a. Resolves in regard to item 2 on Minutes of the Synod (pages 23 and 24) (Translation 3, a, b, c and d from German)

We call the attention of Synod to the fact that the petition in question did not come from the Executive Board of South Dakota Classis, neither was the same signed by the Board as such and that the petition did not contain anything which gave the Stated Clerk of Synod the right to make a statement in that respect. We therefore request the Rev. Synod that a correction in regard to this matter shall appear in the next minutes.

b. Sends the following statement for clarification:

Since Nebraska Classis informs South Dakota Classis under date of August 12, 1936, that Classis took notice of the unconstitutional action of Rev. U. Zogg, a member of South Dakota Classis, performed in the opposition congregation in Sutton, Nebraska, and since Nebraska Classis, according to an information of May 10, 1937, has reported this fact as an information to Synod,

c. Since Nebraska Classis refused to inform South Dakota Classis upon its request about time, place and nature of such unconstitutional action, and

d. Since South Dakota Classis after careful investigation in this matter through their Executive Committee came to the conviction that there is no truth in this indirect accusation, South Dakota Classis feels constrained to inform Rev. Synod of the Northwest that information of Nebraska Classis is lacking all material basis.

Action of Synod:

III. 1. Recorded: Attended to through the report of the Stated Clerk.

III, 2 and 3. Referred to the Judicial Committee together with item 2 from Committee on Overtures.

IV. Decisions of Classes on matters referred to them by Synod

1. *Sheboygan Classis:*

a. Sheboygan Classis designates its Executive Committee as a Committee to which all names and addresses of members of the congregations removing from the bounds of the Classis be reported.

2. *Milwaukee Classis:*

a. Appoints Committee on Missions to which names of members of the congregations removing from the bounds of Classis be reported.

3. *Ursinus Classis:*

a. Appoints a Committee on Cancellations, Dismissals, and Removals of members of their congregations.

4. *South Dakota Classis:*

a. Does not believe in Men's Leagues and therefore is not inclined to seek to organize such.

b. Neither is it inclined to organize Woman's Missionary Societies.

5. In general the matter referred to the Classes have been favorably acted upon and in most cases literally adopted.

Action of Synod:

IV. 1, 2, 3, 5. Adopted.

IV. 4a. Referred to Committee on Men's League.

IV. 4a. Referred to Committee on Woman's Missionary Society.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception, Dismissals

See complete record in the German portion of minutes.

Item was adopted as a whole by Synod.

VI. Time and Place of Meetings of Classes and Names of Officers

See complete record in the German portion of minutes.

Item VI. Was adopted by Synod as a whole.

VII. Action of the Classes of the Synod of the Northwest on the new Constitution and By-laws submitted by the General Synod of 1936 for approval or rejection

1. Adopted by Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Nebraska, and West Canada Classes. Total, 4.

2. Action deferred until next meeting of Minnesota Classis.

3. Ursinus Classis refers to congregations with the request that the results of the voting be sent to the Executive of the Classis within 90 days.

4. South Dakota Classis adopted a resolution to reject the constitution for specified reasons.

5. Portland-Oregon Classis defers final action on the Constitution until an adjourned meeting to be held September 28, 1937. Seriously objects to the organization of the proposed Pacific Coast Synod and insists again that the Portland-Oregon Classis and the present Pacific Northwest District shall be organized into a Pacific Northwest Synod. (Remark of the Stated Clerk: In the Special meeting of September 28, 1937, Portland-Oregon Classis adopts the constitution but demands special boundary of new Synod as indicated in former meeting. This for information.—H. K. Hartmann.)

6. Eureka Classis declares union not existing, specifying reasons, no vote.

7. California Classis adopted. Suggests boundary for Synod comprising California Classis.

Summary of Actions of the 10 Classes as corrected by Stated Clerk on account of the later decision of Portland-Oregon Classis:

Adopted by 4.
Adopted. Boundary for new Synod suggested, 2.
Action postponed, 2.
Rejected, 1.
No vote 1.
Action of Synod: Item VII was adopted.

VIII. Miscellaneous

1. *Sheboygan Classis:*

a. Appoints a special committee to consider the advisability of creating adequate housing for aged ministers.

b. Since Classis feels convinced that the First Reformed Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, has no future, the recommendation was adopted that the Executive Committee of Classis take action to unite First Reformed with St. John's Church (E Group) at Appleton.

c. Sanctions the separation of Zoar congregation and Trinity congregation of the Elkhart Lake Charge.

d. Sanctions the union of Trinity Reformed Church and St. John's Evangelical Church, both of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

e. Authorizes Rev. Elmer Jaberg to make an appeal to the congregations of Classis to provide funds to send Miss Gertrude Zenk as missionary to Central China College in China.

f. Because it is a rather delicate matter for a minister to approach the matter of Ministerial Relief among the people of his own congregation, Classis appoints a special committee to arrange for an exchange of pulpits on Ministerial Relief Day in November for the purpose of stressing the urgent need of Ministerial Relief.

g. Appoints a delegate to the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

h. Appoints Special Committee to confer with similar committees of the Evangelical Districts on the matter of boundaries.

2. *Milwaukee Classis:*

a. Appoints delegates to the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

3. *Ursinus Classis:*

a. Resolves to pay $150 toward the support of Rev. S. Elliker (Supply of Odebolt congregation) out of the interest of the Boone Fund of Classis, plus sufficient amount from Home Mission money from Ben. Treasury to equal amount.

4. *Minnesota Classis:*

a. Assumes annually responsibility of $350 and $400 mission support for Fountain City-Eagle Valley Charge and Rice Lake respectively.

5. *South Dakota Classis:*

a. Receives the Free Peace Reformed congregation of Alpena, South Dakota.

b. Votes that Mission Money from now on be sent to the Treasurer of Board of Home Missions of General Synod instead of the Treasurer of the Department of the Northwest.

c. Pays the full missionary salary of Rev. Wm. Korn for 1937 and informs the Board of this action.

d. Sanctions the union of the two congregations of Miller Charge.

6. *Eureka Classis:*

a. Grants the request of Leola congregation for union with Ashley Charge.

Respectfully submitted,
OTTO A. MENKE, E. C. JABERG, H. STEITZ

Action of Synod: Item VIII was adopted, then the report was adopted as a whole.

Action of Synod:

Item VIII. Notice taken.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

5. On Overtures

(Translation)

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your committee:

1. A petition to Synod from Rev. R. Birk to address Synod, Invitation for pastors visiting Lodi and members.
2. An information from South Dakota Classis concerning an accusation against Rev. U. Zogg from Nebraska Classis.
3. Report of Rev. Bodenman concerning support of fellow Christians in Russia.
4. Petition of Rev. Ezra Vornholt concerning the Presbyterian Hymnal.
5. Petition from Rev. H. R. Burkett, in which he asks for support of the Reformed Zion's congregation in Harvard.

6. Petition from the Pastors Huber and Flueckinger in which they request that the Stated Clerks of the Classes shall state clearly which reports were adopted or rejected.
7. A petition to Synod regarding Sunday-school literature.
8. A letter of thanks from Student Frederick Drucker.

Action of Synod:

Item 1. Petition was granted and Rev. Birk received permission to address Synod during the time of the noon meal.

Item 2. Tabled until the report of the Committee on Classes was read, then taken up and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Item 3. The report was read and accepted. Rev. J. Bodenman shall continue his work. (The report is given in the German part of the minutes.)

Item 4. Referred to Special Committee No. IV. Presbyterian Hymnal. The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Special Committee No. IV

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest:

Your Special Committee No. IV which was appointed to examine the hymnal published by the authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America respectfully reports that we find it a very excellent hymnal for a Church of Scotch Welsh, and Irish Presbyterian ancestry, but are convinced that it would not be adequate for the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY C. NOTT, A. KURTZ, HENRY NEUHAUS

Item 6. Petition rejected since the standing rule of Synod covers this item.

Item 7. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Item 8. Notice taken.

It was *resolved:* It should be the standing rule, that the Committee on Overtures shall clearly specify the items, so that their content should be known.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

6. On Institutions of Learning

The following items were referred to your committee:

1. Report of the Blue Book, Exhibit I.

2. Addresses by the Rev. P. Grosshuesch, D.D., Rev. E. Worthmann, Rev. DeBuhr, and Rev. J. Friedli, D.D.

Both the written and verbal reports of those representing the Mission House reflect the sustaining grace of God, whereof we are exceedingly grateful. The history of the Mission House is interwoven with that of the Synod of the Northwest and it is therefore most fitting that

the Synod should convene within her halls in this her 75th anniversary. Faith in Christ has been the source of her inspiration, his command inspired her zeal, his love has directed her purposes. It is with rejoicing, that we observe the gradual growth of the student body and we take pride in the Christian scholarly attitude of her teachers and devoted leaders.

We are grateful to know that several of our professors, who were incapacitated because of illness, have recovered and are again able to take up their respective duties.

We desire to pay tribute to the Rev. Ernest Fledderjohn, who has been elected to the chair of Homiletical Theology, and also voice our approval in the selection of the Rev. Herman Ley, who has accepted the position of Dean of Men, and we bespeak in their behalf the moral support of the Synod.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following items:

1. Inasmuch as the Mission House has rendered a distinct service to the immediate community, it is the consensus of opinion that this our institution should be encouraged to gather funds from all friends, regardless as to their church affiliations.

2. That the Synod contribute the gift of $2500 out of its reserve fund, thus augmenting the Jubilee Fund to this extent.

3. We deem the sum of $15,000 given toward the Jubilee but a faint expression of the spirit of rejoicing, and are assured that our congregations will respond to the appeal: to worthily memorialize this event, and therefore urge Classes, consistories and congregations to augment the Fund during the forthcoming year.

4. Through our Classes and pastors, we would reiterate the information relative to the high scholastic standing of the Mission House together with the primary fact that this is an institution where Christian character is the first consideration and where the tuition is within the reach of the income of the average home.

5. We regret that the stipulated apportionment of 85 cents per member has not been reached, and that only 47 cents per member has been contributed. We would urge all congregations to adequately support this institution.

6. Realizing that financial aid cannot take the place of prayer, we urge our membership to remember the Mission House in their devotions.

7. We recommend that Synod appoint a special committee of five whose duty it shall be to observe and study all phases which may affect the Mission House as a result of the pending merger and to present such information to the Synod for further consideration.

8. We call attention to minutes of Synod, page 9, Farm Income, where the expenditures exceed the income by $646.14, which evidently shows that consumption of farm products had not been included as income.

9. We recommend approval of the enlargement of the Executive Committee to five members, with a subcommittee of three members.

10. We recommend the necessary constitutional changes which govern the office of the house father.

Respectfully submitted,
D. E. BOSMA, W. E. HUBER, WM. EGGLER

Action of Synod:

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, were adopted.

Item 7 was tabled until Special Committee No. III of 1936 should report, then this point was adopted and also given the new Special Committee of which Prof. K. J. Ernst should be the chairman.

Items 9 and 10 were rejected, then the report was adopted as a whole.

7 and 8. On Missions and Church Erection Fund

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following reports, items, and addresses were referred to your Committee on Missions:

1. Annual Report of the Department of the Northwest of the Board of Home Missions, Blue Book, page 13.

2. The annual statement of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S., Blue Book, page 28.

3. The annual statement of the Board of Foreign Missions, Blue Book, page 32.

4. The addresses of Dr. A. V. Casselman, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; of Dr. T. P. Bolliger, Superintendent of the Department of the Northwest; and of Dr. Paul H. Land, Harbor Missionary.

5. Item 1 from the report of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Northwest with reference to Harbor Mission.

6. Item 15 from the report of the Committee "Minutes of General Synod," item 8, page 199.

Your Committee has studied the reports and statements of our Mission Boards published in the Blue Book of Synod, and on the basis of these reports and of the items and of the addresses referred to, begs leave to submit to you the following recommendations for consideration and action:

I. A. Home Missions

1. That we gratefully note the Board's strenuous efforts to improve its financial status through special drives, such as the 20,000 Club, etc. In view of this fact every congregation is urged to put forth an earnest effort to pay the apportionment in full, and thus to eliminate the necessity of further special drives.

2. That we voice our appreciation to the missionaries serving within our whole Church, and that we remember them in our prayers and give them our support.

3. That congregations, which as yet have adopted neither the apportionment system, nor the weekly offering for missions make a special

effort on Easter and at mission festivals to contribute an amount equal to the apportionment.

4. That the Church Erection Fund of the Department of the Northwest be remembered with an offering at Pentecost, the goal being 10 cents per member. Church organizations and members are challenged to create $500 Memorial Funds.

5. That in view of the Board's decision to continue the 20,000 Club plan of liquidating its indebtedness, we renew our hearty indorsement of this plan.

6. That Synod request the Classes to appoint a pastor or an elder who shall promote this project in his respective Classis by asking the consistories to designate some person or persons who shall be responsible for promoting this in the local congregation.

7. That we suggest that the appointed person or persons solicit memberships in this club from individuals, S. S. classes, or other organizations in the congregation.

8. That Synod urgently requests every pastor and member to contribute their proportionate share toward relieving the financial burden of this missionary agency of our Church.

9. That the period set apart for emphasis on Home Missions, namely, September 15 to 2nd Sunday in October, be used by our pastors and congregations as a season for the study of, prayer for, and giving toward the Home Mission work.

B. Indian Mission

We rejoice greatly over the progress of our Winnebago Indian Mission, and gratefully recognize the faithful service of the Superintendent, Rev. Benjamin Stucki, and his staff. We recommend that this work be remembered in our prayers and be given our most liberal financial support. We also commend the W. M. S. of General Synod for their splendid and invaluable support during past years.

C. Harbor Mission

1. Your Committee recommends that Synod reconsider its action of last year whereby the Harbor Mission was declared no longer a missionary enterprise of the Church.

2. That Synod instruct its Treasurer to pay direct to Dr. Paul Land, Harbor Missionary, the appropriation of $136 which remained unpaid because of Synod's adverse action of last year.

3. That Synod appropriate $25 per month toward the salary of the Harbor Missionary for the ensuing year, Sept. 1937 to Sept. 1938, and to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod direct to Dr. Paul H. Land.

II. Foreign Missions

We recommend:

1. That Synod voice its hearty thanks to God for raising up willing and ready hearts who gave of their financial means toward the support of the cause of Christ in the foreign fields; and, that we express our appreciation to the Board of Foreign Missions for its untiring efforts in behalf of this cause.

2. That we render thanks to God for His blessing whereby the work in Japan, China, and Iraq has prospered.

3. That we express our appreciation to our missionaries for their self-sacrificing and loyal services in these trying and difficult times, and assure them that the home church is back of them in sympathy and support.

4. That we urge congregations to do their utmost toward paying the apportionment for missions in full.

5. That the period set apart for emphasis on Foreign Missions, namely, January 6th to the second Sunday in February, be used by our pastors and congregations for the study of, prayer for, and larger giving toward Foreign Missions.

6. That we earnestly and humbly entreat the Throne of Grace for Japan and China in their armed conflict, but especially for the pastors and members of our mission churches.

7. That the support for Miss Gertrude M. Zenk, newly appointed missionary to China, be commended to the young people of our Synod for contributions above the regular apportionment.

8. That in view of the depleted ranks of our missionaries in China, Japan and Iraq, we unite in prayer that the Lord of the harvest thrust forth laborers into his harvest, and, that the Church be challenged to special effort that these much-needed missionary recruits may be sent to the field at the earliest moment.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. KUENTZEL
L. A. MOSER
JOHN FLORIN

Action of Synod:

Items I, A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, B, II. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, were adopted.

Item C, 1 was referred back to the committee and the committee was increased by three members.

Items 2 and 3 were tables.

New Report of Committee on Item C

C. Harbor Mission

Your Committee on Missions and Church Erection to whom was referred the item of Harbor Mission for consideration has considered the matter pro and con and is of the opinion that the Harbor Mission still meets both a spiritual and a social need. We therefore respectfully ask Synod to consider it as such and recommend this cause to our consistories, congregations, and individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MOSER, C. D. MAURER
A. J. KRUETZMAN, C. WECKMUELLER

Action of Synod:

This item was adopted.

Items C 2 and 3 were taken from the table and item C 2 was adopted.

As a substitute for C 3 the chairman of Finance Committee declared that the old rule of supporting the Harbor Mission with ½ cent per confirmed member was not changed and $136.60 are again in the finance report. Synod accepted this report.

The new motion was made, and adopted:

"All the items referring to the 20,000 Club plan be amended to the extent that they be referred to the Executive Board to be sent down to the consistories of the congregations as suggestions for immediate action."

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

9. Christian Education

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

The following items were referred to your committee:

1. A communication concerning Sunday-school material published by our Board signed by Rev. Pfeiffer and Rev. Hauser.

2. Annual report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest 1936-1937, Blue Book page 66.

3. The Annual Statement of the Board of Christian Education of General Synod, Blue Book, page 61.

4. Addresses on Christian Education by Rev. R. Rettig, E. Wessler and E. G. Krampe.

5. The discussions of the conference on Christian Education Thursday afternoon.

We would at this time make the following recommendations:

1. Since it is impossible for your committee to make an extensive study of Sunday-school material referred to above at this time, we recommend that in case Synod desires to take any action in this respect a special committee be appointed to investigate and report next year.

2. That all pastors and consistories be asked to devote special attention to the matter of securing the co-operation of the home in Christian education.

3. That classical committees on education be urged to organize seminars for the study of the specific problems in Christian education perhaps on the basis of such questions as why the family altar is not observed as it should be. Another matter that should be considered is co-operation with the public school in character building through religion.

4. That churches and schools be asked to support the work of our Board more liberally through the Children's Day offering and the apportionment.

5. That pastors using the "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" be again urged to offer their criticisms and suggestions on the basis of their experience with it, so it may be made more usable and effective.

6. That the Director of Religious Education prepare blanks to secure specific uniform information through Classical Committees about the work being done in congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN LEHMAN — JOHN BODENMAN
OTTO A. MENKE — E. R. VORNHOLT
FRED F. OTT — W. J. KRIEGER
ARMIN H. TENDICK — A. ENGELMANN
PAUL A. OLM — C. WECKMUELLER

Action of Synod:

Item 1. Referred to a special committee with all the necessary publications to report in 1938. Special Committee No. VIII.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

10. On Ministerial Relief

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee on Ministerial Relief:

1. Exhibit VII, Blue Book, pages 48 to 51, the report of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

2. From the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod. Item 14, page 171, etc.

3. The content of the address by Dr. H. N. Bassler.

4. From the Stated Clerk of Synod and from the Committee on Minutes of Classes: A petition to Synod of the Northwest to confer on the matter of the Sustentation Fund.

Your Committee recommends the following resolutions for adoption:

1. We deeply appreciate the efforts and the services of the Board, and rejoice that our needy ministers and ministers' families receive well-deserved support, and we pray that the time is not far off when the Church will provide so that more adequate support can be granted.

2. That we make sincere effort to provide through our agencies for full benefits.

3. That we place special emphasis upon Ministerial Relief and Sustentation during the season which the Board designates.

4. That we endeavor to educate and train our people through preaching, teaching, and personal contacts that we owe our Aged and Needy a fair standard of living.

5. That Synod allow 10 minutes' time to confer on the matter raised by Sheboygan Classis.

GILBERT O. WERNECKE
H. R. BURKETT
J. H. T. ENGELMANN

Action of the Synod: The time for item 5 was set for 15 minutes, Dr. Bassler gave the desired information, then the report was adopted as a whole.

11. On Benevolent Institutions

(Translation)

The following report was adopted as a whole.

DEAR BRETHREN: To your Committee the following items were referred:

1. Report V, page 40 in Blue Book.
2. Report VI, page 44 in Blue Book.
3. Content of address of Rev. F. W. Knatz concerning Orphans' Home.
4. Content of address of Rev. H. G. Settlage concerning Old People's Home.

Your Committee will recommend the following for adoption:

1. We rejoice and thank God that it was possible for our Orphans' Home Board through the liberal support of our members to replace the building destroyed by fire and to do it free from debts.

2. That the members of our congregations be encouraged to support the Orphans' Home not only on Christmas but also with special gifts in order that the necessary repairs and improvements can be made.

3. That we express our recognition to the Board of our Old People's Home for clearing their financial difficulties and for the new system.

4. That our Old People's Home shall receive the necessary financial support from our congregations, especially by means of a collection on Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. ZENK, HERM. VOGEL, O. J. VRIESEN

12. On Stewardship (Kingdom Service)

The following report was adopted as given below.

DEAR BRETHREN: For the new chairman to prepare this report was not only interesting but also revealing. And perhaps around these several revelations it is that we should make our report.

From the chair of this committee three communications went forth to the other members, which as we know, are the chairmen of the several classical committees. Two of these communications were to the churches in the Classes, one announcing an action of Synod, the other a reminder of a special action that was to be participated in. The third communication was a direct word to the members of the committee asking for information and suggestions whereby we might carry on our synodical work.

That we received only two replies of the possible nine puts the activities of this committee on the spot. From this, perhaps, we may conclude that there is not the vital relationship between the Kingdom Service Committees of the respective Classes and that of the Synod that there might be. Is this probably not due to the fact that the synodical committee has little to offer, nothing with which to inspire the men on the classical fronts in Kingdom Service.

To Synod we have herewith confessed our shortcomings and weaknesses. Permit us then to present several items upon which this report is based.

For our consideration we had the ten Kingdom Service reports of the various Classes, the statement of the Executive committee of General Synod, the suggestions of the committeemen as we gathered since the meeting of Synod with most classical chairmen present, the matters referred from the floor of Synod and Stewardship Conference, and the presentation of Dr. Lampe.

Your Committee deeply feels the lack of co-operation for the needed forward approach. A certain lack of co-operation exists among the ministers of the individual Classes which is strongly reflected in a disability for a united program of the ten different Classes. Your Synodical committee can do little more than to seek a more definite co-operation among the above groups.

1. Synod strongly therefore appeals to its ministers and elders to give a more vital expression of co-operation to their respective classical programs.

2. That Synod set down the following suggestions in which all churches might begin to co-operate and that definite reply be given in the annual report of Classical Kingdom Service Committee on the following co-operative measures:

a. Give definite instruction to familiarize the people with the greater work of the denomination and local church.

b. Attend classical conferences for consistory members, Sunday-school teachers and church workers in general.

c. Observe the "Special Days."

d. Distribute literature.

e. Conduct the annual "Roll Call."

f. Use the duplex envelopes.

g. Send benevolent moneys monthly to classical treasurer.

3. That Synod accept the "Four Principles" adopted by the United Stewardship Council and our General Synod (1936 Minutes, page 54) as basic for our stewardship instruction and that Sunday-schools embody these in their teaching program:

a. "God is the creator of all things and the Father of all men. In Him all things consist and to Him all belong. In Him man lives and moves and has his being. God purposes man's highest welfare in fellowship with Himself.

b. God has endowed man with manifold gifts of body and mind. He has entrusted to him the use and the control of things, and given him dominion over the works of His hands in partnership with Himself.

c. As steward of all that he is and has, man's use and control of all entrusted to him is for the development of his own character, the betterment of his fellowmen, the service of Christ, and the glory of God.

d. The true steward constantly and joyfully recognizes and ac-

knowledges his stewardship. As a partner of his Heavenly Father he shares himself and his possessions with all mankind."

4. That Synod send the new chairman of its Kingdom Service Committee to the annual meeting of the United Stewardship Council, if feasible.

5. Since the Bible as the revelation of God to man is so efficiently distributed without bias by the American Bible Society, we recommend that we continue some amount on our apportionment table for financial support.

6. In presenting the following apportionment for the year 1938, we are also aware that the local budget as well as the "Apportionment" become a part of our Stewardship teaching, but that likewise the causes of the "Apportionment" be considered the extension activities of the local church:

Foreign Missions	$1.00
Home Missions	1.00
Church Erection Fund	.10
Mission House	.85
Student Aid	.15
Ministerial Relief	.25
Orphans' Home	.25
Christian Education	.15
Old People's Home	.10
Publishing House	.05
American Bible Society	.01
Men's League	.01
Catawba College	.03
	$3.95

In the raising of the apportionment we appreciate the effort of Minnesota Classis toward an honest endeavor to meet its obligation.

7. We ask the Classes to give serious consideration to the changing of the time of "Special Days" heretofore observed, to the end that these periods may best serve our united needs.

8. That the pulpits of Northwest Synod challenge their people toward the higher and more spiritual giving as the Lord blesses.

9. We commend our denominational leaders in trying to curb any other kind of giving for local or general purposes than that which is done according to Christian teaching and means.

10. That Synod set aside a very small sum for expense allowance for this committee.

11. That this committee be given an opportunity to again conduct a conference on stewardship for laymen and ministers at next regular meeting of Synod.

12. That congregations of Synod be asked to consider Christian alms as an integral part of every church service.

We close this report after the fashion of Paul's teaching: "Whose we are and whom we serve," and may our response to such truth bring forth a living challenge of our stewardship.

Respectfully,

A. C. FISCHER | K. J. STUEBBE
F. W. KNATZ | C. D. MAURER
FRANK STUCKI | A. GEO. SCHMID
WM. DEGLOW

13. On Evangelism

The following report was adopted as a whole.

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Evangelism received the following items referred to us from the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod:

Item 16, page 256—1

and page 61 a "Clarion Call to the Church"

and page 66 General Synod's action on this document.

The item on page 256 reads as follows:

"The General Synod, through its delegates, the pastors or leaders of the churches, summon the entire Church to strive for new heights in spiritual insight, determination and consecration, so that the present crisis in civilization may be met by our Communion with the Spirit at the full understanding of the will of God"

We recommend,—

1. That the Synod, through the Classes, urge the pastors within the bounds of this Synod to consider the "Clarion Call to the Church" and the item quoted above as a personal challenge and place themselves at the disposal of the Holy Spirit and thus be used by Him to bring the Word God to those not in the Church of Jesus Christ.

2. That we as a Synod endorse and accept the statement known as "A Clarion Call to the Church."

3. That we as a Synod, through the Classes, urge the pastors and consistories in our Synod to take advantage of the high seasons of the Church year, and to inaugurate special services and where possible and feasible to invite other pastors to their pulpits to broaden the scope of the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. ACHTEMEIER
EZRA VORNHOLT
DAVID FUEHRER

14. On Men's League

The following report was adopted as a whole.

To the Synod of the Northwest.

The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. Report Exhibit XII, Blue Book.
2. Address of Dr. J. M. G. Darms.

3. Pamphlets from the Executive Committee of the Churchmen's Brotherhood.
4. Item 17 from the report of Committee on General Synod minutes.
5. Concerning South Dakota.

We recommend:

1. Inasmuch as the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, which is the dominating Men's organization within the bounds of our Synod, is giving the matter of union with the Churchmen's Brotherhood consideration and has expressed its willingness to co-operate whenever feasible, we recommend that our organization continue its efforts towards unification of the purposes of men's work as set forth by the Churchmen's Brotherhood.

2. With regret we take notice that South Dakota Classis does not believe in organization of men in conducting church work.

E. L. Worthman
Wm. Huber
Fred W. Witte

15. On Woman's Missionary Society

The following report was adopted as a whole.

(Translation)

Dear Brethren: The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. Item from the report on Minutes of Classes concerning South Dakota: That Classis is not inclined to organize Woman's Missionary Societies.

2. Item 17, page 279, item 1-7, report on Minutes of General Synod, in which praise is given to the Woman's Missionary Societies for their assistance in building up the Kingdom of God.

3. Report of the president of the W. M. S. of Northwest Synod.

We recommend the following for adoption:

1. That we appreciate with gratitude the commendable endeavors of the different Woman's Missionary Societies in the bounds of our Synod for the furthering of the Kingdom's Work at home and abroad and encourage them to continue their blessed work in the same spirit, since our work in the Lord is not in vain.

2. That we recommend the organizing of new societies wherever possible.

Respectfully,

V. O. Grosshuesch
George Grether
G. A. Kiesau

16. On Beneficiary Aid for Students

To the Synod of the Northwest.

Your Board on Student Aid submits the following report:

1. During the past school year your Committee acted in perfect accord with the rules and regulations laid down by Synod and issued

financial aid to the following students who have finished another year in the Mission House:

Walter Odenbach	$150.00
Carl Ringer	150.00
Clarence Koehler	150.00
Willard Sherman	107.50
Gordon Robinson	107.50
Henry Roemer	100.00
Theophil Blaufus	107.50

2. Synod's attention is called to the following students requesting aid for the coming school year:

Orville Schroer of Hayfield, Iowa, a sophomore, requests	$150.00
Willard Sherman of Waukon, Iowa, a senior seminarian	107.50
Harvey E. Norenberg of Lowell, Wis., a middler seminarian requests	100.00
Walter Odenbach of Woodworth, N. D., a junior seminarian, requests	107.50
Gordon Robinson of Kiel, Wis., a senior seminarian requests	107.50
Carl Ringer of Sheboygan, Wis., a junior seminarian, requests	107.50
Clarence Koehler of Milwaukee, Wis., a junior seminarian, requests	107.50
Dilman Rodel of Kaukauna, Wis., a sophomore, requests	150.00
Henry Roemer of Saskatchewan, Canada, a sophomore, requests	150.00
Fredrick Druecker of Streeter, N. D., who is to continue his theological studies in the seminary, requests	100.00

3. The sum of ....$1,187.50 is necessary to comply with the requests. We recommend that our congregations be requested through the Classes to contribute 15 cents per confirmed member for this cause.

4. Requests from the last three students mentioned did not come before your Board in the regular form. We recommend that they be instructed through their respective Classes to renew their requests through the use of the application blanks adopted by the Church. See General Synod Minutes, 1932, pages 293-299.

5. We recommend that Synod defer action for another year on adopting the wording of the contract between Synod and students making the financial aid a loan and not a gift.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Worthman
E. M. DeBuhr
C. Weckmueller

Action of the Synod: This report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Student Aid.

Report of the Committee on Student Aid

(Translation)

DEAR BRETHREN: To your Committee was referred the report of the Board on Student Aid. This report is adopted by Synod and the support of 15 cents per member is recommended for this purpose.

However, with the recommendation and adopting the recommendation this matter is not settled. Action is necessary. Therefore we especially request the ministers and consistories to see to it that 15 cents per confirmed member should be forwarded in due time to the treasurer of our Synod, Mr. Wm. Streblow, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HUENEMANN
GUSTAV KRAMPE
E. L. HENNIG

Action of Synod: The report was adopted with the amendment: Synod shall appoint a Committee for gathering the fund for Student Aid. This committee was appointed and shall consist of Revs. Ruben Huenemann, D. E. Bosma, Elder H. Neuhaus.

17. On Publication

(Translation)

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. Report in the Blue Book.
2. Content of the address of Dr. H. C. Nott.
3. Petition from the Central Publishing House for further support of 3 cents per member for another year.
4. Item 4 from the report of the Executive Committee, information from the treasurer of Synod concerning last year's payment

Your Committee has examined every item and begs to inform your Rev. Synod as follows:

1. From the report in the Blue Book it is evident that the Central Publishing House is in a desperate financial position. The large debt was augmented in the last year by another $2,726, the working capital decreased. According to the opinion of some competent public accountants the Publishing House has reached its financial limit, unless some working capital together with the necessary business is given to the House.

2. The Board of the Central Publishing House again asks for an apportionment of 3 cents per member that the interests for the annuity can be paid.

3. The treasurer of Synod reports that the amount of 3 cents per member was paid in 1936, but not all interests were paid to the annuitants by the House.

We recommend the following to the Rev. Synod for adoption.

1. That your Rev. Synod requests the Rev. General Synod to take over the Central Publishing House according to the four conditions given

page 53 in the Blue Book, however, the right shall be reserved, that the interests for annuities shall be paid promptly.

3. Synod shall inquire why the Publishing House did not pay all the interests on the annuity bonds in 1936, although Synod paid its money for this purpose in full.

Respectfully,

R. KLAUDT
D. E. BOSMA
PETER HAUSAUER

Action of Synod: The report was adopted as a whole with the understanding that the General Synod shall continue to operate the Central Publishing House and not liquidate the same in favor of Eden Publishing House.

18 and 19. On Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations reported at the proper time. The report was adopted and the Committee was instructed to prepare the ballots. The election was held at the time set by Synod and the members of the Committee served as tellers. The result of the election was later reported by the Committee. See under the German portion of the Minutes under VIII, 18 and 19.

20. On Finance

(Translation)

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

a. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

b. Account Book of the Treasurer.

c. Report of the Committee on Mileage.

d. Statistics of the Synod.

e. Item 1, page 33, from the report of the Committee on General Synod, amounts due to the Contingent Fund of the General Synod from the following Classes:

Manitoba	$ 289.83
Eureka	545.19
North Dakota	151.81
Edmonton	40.63
	$1,053.46

f. Apportionment of 3 cents per member for the payment of the interests on the Annuity Bonds of the Publishing House.

Your Committee wishes to report the following:

The report and the books of the Treasurer were examined and found correct. The following assets are on hand:

Checking account of Synod of the Northwest............	$3,906.36
Beneficiary Education Fund	970.24

Reserve Fund of Synod	4,274.13
Note from Nebraska Classis	75.00
Dues in arrears from Portland-Oregon Classis	40.00

The budget for the new synodical year should take the following items into consideration:

Traveling Expenses	$1,450.00
Salary of Stated Clerk	200.00
Janitor	10.00
Printing	650.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Traveling Expenses for the Mission House Board	100.00
Harbor Mission, ½ cent per member	136.60
Historical Society	25.00
Annuity Bond Interest of Central Publishing House	819.63
Total	$3,691.23

To cover these expenses your Committee recommends in consideration of the present assets an apportionment of 10 cents per member.

This apportionment distributed among the various Classes is as follows:

Sheboygan Classis	8,489	Members	$ 848.90
Milwaukee Classis	6,075	"	607.50
Minnesota Classis	3,307	"	330.70
Nebraska Classis	795	"	79.50
Ursinus Classis	2,075	"	207.50
South Dakota Classis	2,035	"	203.50
Portland-Oregon Classis	937	"	93.70
West Canada Classis	1,051	"	105.10
Eureka Classis	1,893	"	189.30
California Classis	664	"	66.40
	27,321	Members	$2,732.10

Concerning item "e" your Committee wishes to recommend: These four Classes be herewith requested to fulfill their obligations toward General Synod or at least make a serious attempt to pay some of the amount which is in arrears.

Respectfully

Paul Traeger, Wilhelm Korn, Herm. Vogel

Action of Synod: The report was adopted as a whole.

B. Report for Mileage

(See in the German portion)

C. Election of Treasurer

The election of the Treasurer was the order of the day immediately after the adoption of the report of the Committee on Finances. It was moved that the Stated Clerk cast the vote of the Synod for Elder Wm. Streblow as Treasurer of

Synod, and that Synod express its thanks to Elder Streblow. This resolution was adopted and the vote was cast by the Stated Clerk for Mr. Streblow as Treasurer.

21. On Publicity

The report was adopted as a whole. See report in the German portion of the Synod.

22. On Leave of Absence

See Article II in the German portion of Minutes.

This report was adopted as a whole.

23. On Resolutions

(Translation)

DEAR BRETHREN: The cordial invitation of the Mission House on account of its 75th anniversary, to Synod to convene in the Mission House, was accepted with joy and it is our desire to hand in the following resolutions:

1. Hearty thanks shall be expressed to the Board and the President of the Mission House for the invitation, board and lodging of the Synod.

2. Hearty thanks shall be expressed to the surrounding congregations which assisted in serving meals so generously to the delegates of Synod. The respective pastors are urged to make this announcement to their congregations from their pulpits.

3. The several choirs which assisted in the services shall receive an expression of our thanks.

The President of Synod pro temp., the Rev. Dr. H. C. Nott, is asked to read these resolutions on the Synodical Sunday of the Synod, ministers shall do likewise on the same Sunday in the surrounding congregations wherever services are conducted.

Respectfully,

JOHN MOHR, FRED F. OTT, ALFRED TREICK

This report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Report of the Judicial Committee

The following report was adopted as a whole.

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your committee:

a) Item No. — from the report on Overtures.
b) Item No. III, sub-item 2-a of the report on Minutes of the Clsases.
c) Item No. III, sub-item 2-a of the report on Minutes of the Classes.
d) Item No. III, sub-item 3-a of the report on Minutes of the Classes.
e) Item No. IV, sub-item 4-b of the report on Minutes of the Classes.
f) Item No. V, sub-item 4-b of the report on Minutes of the Classes.

Your committee has carefully examined these items and finds that all come within the scope of Article 104 of our Constitution regarding the function of the Judicial Committee of Synod. As to content of these items and recommendations for appropriate action of Synod your committee respectfully reports as follows:

1. The overture from South Dakota Classis is identical with item IV, sub-item 4-b from the report on Minutes of Classes. Substance of this overture is a complaint against an action of the Nebraska Classis reported to Synod through the Minutes of Nebraska Classis of 1936. Your Committee finds that *Nebraska Classis* erred in making a virtual accusation in the form of a communication to the South Dakota Classis. It further finds that *South Dakota Classis* erred in the manner of its answering this communication. Both errors, however, can be traced back to the *neglect of the Synodical Committee on Minutes of the Classes,* which failed to report the first action (of Nebraska Classis) as an irregularity to Synod, in 1936.

We recommend that the attention of both Classes be called to this finding of the Synod, and that South Dakota Classis be informed that Synod cannot take any further action in this matter until it is brought before Synod in constitutional manner through proper procedure.

2. In Item III, 2-a of the report on Minutes of Classis, *Nebraska Classis* points out to Synod that Synod's action in 1936 granting the request presented in overture No. 18 (see page 42 of Minutes of Synod 1936) that South Dakota Classis be permitted to receive a congregation, located at Sutton, Nebraska, into the membership of South Dakota Classis, is unconstitutional and therefore null and void.

Your Committee finds that Nebraska Classis is right in this statement and therefore recommends that Synod declare that its action taken last year in granting the request of overture No. 18 was irregular and therefore null and void.

3. Item III, 2-b of the report on the Minutes of Classes pertains to the difference in the interpretations of the actions of Nebraska Classis, and the corresponding actions of Synod as well as of an action of General Synod upon which the action of the Classis was based. In this item Synod is informed that Nebraska Classis submits this matter in a memorial to General Synod, as Synod also submitted the matter. Your Committee recommends that Synod record that it takes notice of this action of the Classis.

4. In regard to item III, 3-a in which South Dakota Classis calls attention of Synod to the fact that the overture 18 submitted to Synod last year was not a request of the Classis, we recommend that Synod take notice of this communication.

5. Your Committee has given very careful study to item V, 4-b, of the report on Minutes of the Classes. Regarding this disciplinary action of the Classis, your Committee recommends the following action for adoption:—

Since Rev. Carl S. Green left his pastorate of Zion Reformed Church at Harvard, Nebraska, in irregular manner after Nebraska Classis had

taken initial disciplinary steps leading to an eventual prosecution, and since the said Classis has stricken his name from the official roll of Nebraska Classis, the Synod of the Northwest considers this action of Classis final.

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. Krampe
John Scheib
Wm. Huenemann
D. E. Bosma
Wm. Korn
John F. Krieger
Alvin Engelmann

2. Report of Entertainment Fees

(Report is given in the German section of Minutes.)

3. Various Resolutions

1. The Executive Board shall provide that a lecture be delivered again at the next Synod session. The theme may be chosen by the pastor delivering the lecture.

2. Place and hour of the next meeting shall be arranged by the Executive Board of Synod.

3. The Rev. H. C. Nott, D.D., was elected to serve as president pro temp. on the last day of the meeting and close the same.

4. The pastors Prof. A. Grether and Emil Buehrer were appointed to make sufficient copies of the resolution Spec. Com. No. III of 1936, Overture of Rev. Hauser. The expenses for the work amounting to $1.00 shall be paid to the Mission House.

5. The Corresponding Clerk, Rev. A. G. Schmid, was requested to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Elder Adolf Rodewald in Sheboygan in the name of the Synod.

6. The Rev. H. C. Nott, President pro temp., was asked to give the greetings of the Synod to the Mid-West Synod which will convene in the Mission House after the meeting of Northwest Synod.

Article X

ADJOURNMENT

At the opening of each business session the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

After all business was finished, the last registration took place. A quorum was present.

Then the minutes of the last day were read, corrected and adopted. After that the minutes were adopted as whole.

The motion to adjourn was entertained and adopted.

Synod adjourned in the manner prescribed by the constitution, Saturday, August 28, at 3:30 P.M., repeating in unison the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and the singing of Doxology No. 9 in the German hymnal after being dismissed with the benediction by the President.

The President then declared Synod adjourned to meet again in general session September 5, 1938, in a place and at an hour to be determined by the Executive Board.

F. W. KNATZ, *President*
E. H. WESSLER, *Vice President*
HENRY C. NOTT, *President pro temp.*
H. K. HARTMANN, *Stated Clerk*

For true and correct copy and correct translation of all reports which were not handed in written in the English language: H. K. HARTMANN, *Stated Clerk*

LECTURE OF PROF. J. FRIEDLI, D. D., OF THE MISSION HOUSE

delivered before the Synod of the Northwest

The Theology of the Mission House

The President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, a leader in the movement to unite the two Churches, recently made the statement that the United Church needs the theology of the Mission House. Someone thereupon raised the question: What is the theology of the Mission House? This question has been tantalizing my mind ever since it was brought to my attention. Is it an idle question to which only a humorous response can be made? Or is it a sinister question, bordering on contempt? Or is it a fair question, implying a tribute to something worthy and serviceable in the life of our church? I take up this question in all seriousness, convinced that any theological seminary must render its service to the church through the medium of its theological labors, and that the question of its theology is the most vital and searching of all questions. The very name theological seminary stresses this fact. It is theology that makes a theological seminary. Where theology becomes secondary, the name should be changed to social seminary, philosophical seminary, psychological seminary, or whatever science has taken the central position in the school. The Mission House, I am glad to claim, always was and still is a theological seminary.

Theology and Confession

It is first of all necessary to distinguish clearly between theology and creed or confession. If the question were raised as to the confessional standard of the Mission House, the answer would, of course, be, "The Heidelberg Catechism." The doctrinal basis of every seminary of the Reformed Church is definitely fixed by the constitution. Every teacher of theology must declare sincerely that he "will make the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the truth of the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the basis of all his instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in his preaching and writing, as well as in his instructions." The creed, in our case the Catechism, is not the distinctive possession of a particular seminary. One could not therefore speak of the creed of the Mission House, or the creed of Lancaster, but one can and does speak of a Mercersburg theology, or a Mission House theology.

Theology is an intellectual movement and as such human (often very human), not divine. It is fallible and ever subject to critical revision in the light of the Word of God. Its results are therefore never final. While its subject matter is given "once for all," namely revel-

ation in Christ and the Scriptures, therefore divine, it is not itself the Word of God. Theology is not the master, but the humble servant of the Word. To recognize this is essential. Whenever theology presumes to speak with authoritative finality, it has become petrified dogmatism. It has substituted the word of the theologian for the Word of God. It is no longer *the*-ology but *andr*-ology.

When theology is thus understood as the servant of the Word, it becomes at once the freest and the most rigidly bound of all sciences. It is free because it owes allegiance to no man's opinion or authority; it is bound because it is completely dependent on revelation. Paul, the schoolman of his age, expresses it this way: "I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

Between the Word of God and theology stands the creed or confession of the church, in our case the Catechism. The creed is the intelligent expression of the common faith of the church. Theology has a part in the formulation of the creed; but again simply as servant. True confessions are born of faith, and faith is an act of God. When Peter, speaking for the group, made his great confession, Jesus said: "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven."

The creeds of the church all bear the marks of human imperfections and are tinged with local and contemporary elements. They may therefore require re-formulation from time to time. But their content and substance, being rooted in faith and revelation, remain. Theology must therefore accept the limitations of the creed, as in harmony with the Gospel.

It is evident then that every theologian—and every minister is a theologian—must labor within the confines of the Word and the confession. Whenever he steps beyond these bounds he ceases to be true to his God and his church.

Theological Freedom

Having thus fixed the boundaries within which theology functions, let me proceed to stress the freedom to which theological labors are entitled, always within the given limitations. Every theology worthy of the name, is a living, moving, searching, wrestling work. In order to do its work it must rise above all fear or criticism and contradiction. It must not dig in, lest it bury itself. It must be bold and venturesome, willing to face problems and eager to tread new paths. It must even be allowed to make mistakes and be humble enough to stand corrected. In short, theology must be free to exercise every faculty in the service of the Word and the church. When a Seminary becomes a mere Amen-corner, echoing traditional theology, it ceases to serve the vital interests of a living church; this can only lead to a stale theological smugness.

Theology Personal

This leads me to another observation. Theology is essentially personal, not social. Creeds, as group expressions, are social, but theology is individualistic. True, we have so-called schools of theology: the Tue-

bingen school, the New England school. We speak of the Ritchlians, the Barthians, etc. But a closer acquaintance reveals the diversities within these groups. One need think only of Barth and Brunner as an example of the personal character of theology, even among men who are basically in agreement.

In view of this individualism of theology, how can we speak of a theology of the Mission House? Only insofar as it is possible to point out the doctrinal positions of the various teachers and their respective impacts on the thought and life of the institution and, through the graduates, on the church. The approach to our question is therefore of necessity historical. Who were the men who taught here? What were their beliefs and convictions? How did their living presence express these convictions? These are bold questions. I hope I may be forgiven the audacity of treading on the sacred ground of the inner life of my sainted teachers. I'm sure to wrong them, though I write *con amore*. I will wrong them because they alone would be qualified to speak of these things. But is not all historical interpretation in this sense presumptuous? Yet on this 75th anniversary of the institution we need to discharge a debt of grateful memory to these men.

The Founders

In the catalogue of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., for the year 1851-1852 I find the following students listed:

Charles Becker, Nassau, Germany.
Augustus Winter, Lippe Detmold, Germany.
Peter Bruecker, Duesseldorf, Germany.
Augustus Muehlmeier, Lippe Detmold, Germany.
Charles Lienkaemper, Altena, Prussia.
M. G. I. Stern, Schweinfurt, Germany.
Augustus Toensmeier, Lippe Detmold, Germany.
Jacob Biehl, Rhine-Prussia, Germany.
John Blaetgen, Muehlheim, Germany.

This list of nine German students out of a total of 17 was later augmented by Jacob Bossard, Ph.D.

Here then we have almost a complete list of the men who came here and laid the foundation for our German work in the West, with the Mission House as its center. Nearly all these men became identified with the Mission House. Three of them, Muehlmeier, Winter and Bossard, were the direct founders.

What kind of theological convictions did these men bring with them as they came from Mercersburg? In other words, what was the theology taught there at that time, and to what extent were they theologically influenced? This brings us to the question of the Mercersburg theology.

The Mercersburg Theology

In the catalogue mentioned, the theological faculty consisted of only one professor, Rev. Philip Schaff, Ph.D. Professor Nevin had resigned

under pressure of dissatisfaction with his teachings, which were regarded as leaning to Romanism. In fact, the Mercersburg theology had resulted in a wide-spread controversy and division in the church. Dr. Berg joined the Dutch Reformed Church and Rev. Jacob Helfenstein and his congregation in Germantown went over to the Presbyterians. North Carolina Classis withdrew from the synod. Several appeals against *The Messenger* came before the synod. But what interests us here is what Dr. Good in his history of the Reformed Church called "a rebellion of the German students at Mercersburg." The word rebellion may be a bit strong for a student controversy, but the fact remains that the student body was divided into two factions. On the one side were the adherents of "Nevinism," who called the others puritans, fanatics, unchurchly sects. On the other side were the opponents of Nevin, who charged the others with Romanism. The German students belonged to the latter group. When J. C. Klahr was suspended by the faculty, the German students refused to attend classes. Six of them, Becker, Winter, Bruecker, Toensmeier, Biehl, and Blaetgen left. Two remained: Muehlmeier and Lienkaemper, declaring, however, that they stood in fundamental opposition to "Nevinism." Thus it is evident that Muehlmeier and Winter, two of the founders of the Mission House, stood theologically in opposition to the so-called Mercersburg theology, as represented in its extreme form by Nevin and in a milder form by Schaff. To go into a detailed study of this theology would carry us far beyond the scope of our investigation. It is sufficient for our purpose to note that it revolved largely around the question of the church. Nevin's sermon on "Catholic Unity," his books, *Mystical Presence, The History and Genius of the Heidelberg Catechism, Anti-Christ and the Spirit of Sect and Schism, Early Christianity, Cyprian,* all deal largely with the concept of the church and the sacraments. This is true also of Schaff's inaugural address, "Principles of Protestantism," and his *What Is Church History.* Parenthetically may I suggest that these works merit a restudy on our part at this time when the question, What Is the Church, again claims our attention. I wonder if the recent Edinburgh and Oxford conferences produced anything better on this subject? Both Nevin and Schaff held to a very high concept of the church. Schaff's position on the sacraments, as between Zwingli and Calvin, was Calvinistic; as between Calvin and Luther, it was Melanchthonian. In this he was, no doubt, strengthened by his reaction against the rampant sectarianism and unrestrained revivalism of the time.

While Muehlmeier and his fellow students opposed their teacher, they were nevertheless strongly influenced by him. Their concept of the church, while not high-church in form, was none the less lofty. I speak now of Muehlmeier, as the representative of the group and as the most familiar figure among us. Many of us can still see him in the class room and especially in the pulpit. He was always a priestly figure. Even in the more intimate relations with the students there was a certain nimbus of ecclesiastical sanctity about him. To the younger students he was awe-inspiring, especially in matters of discipline. The older students, as is the habit with them, were inclined to be witty about it, but

never in his presence, and when they left they carried with them the highest regard for the saintly Inspector. When he preached he spoke in the name of Jehovah, and the thunder of Sinai was often in his voice. He had us sing from Schaff's Gesangbuch such favorites as, "Gott is gegenwaertig, lasset uns anbeten." "Lobe den Herren, den maechtigen Koenig der Ehren." There was nothing cheap and flippant and common about him and his religion. To him God was sovereign and majestic. These high concepts of God, church and sacraments he transmitted to us chiefly by his personal piety and attitude. It is likely that he received them from Schaff in the same way. The importance of this cannot be overstressed. Here in the pioneer West with its rampant individualism and general looseness of church life, it gave to the Reformed Church an inner solidity and an outward dignity, which have stood the test of time and change.

True, these wise men from the East considered themselves low-church men. They held to simple liturgical forms. Yet in their way they were as formal as any high-church priest. They wore no pulpit gowns, but the inevitable knee-deep Prince Albert, with its deep flap pockets, which for variety of contents rivalled any boy's pocket, the celluloid breastplate and collar, the narrow white string tie, knotted into a misbehaving bow, these constituted an outfit as fixed and formal as any soldier's uniform. With the beginning of this century the white vest made its flashy appearance in the pulpit. The Prince Albert gradually moved up from the knees and broke into two wings, thus becoming a frock coat. The great war finally clipped these wings, leaving the preacher dressed in a cheap business suit with a defiant necktie. No wonder he and his congregation are calling for a pulpit gown to cover the servant of Jehovah!

The Reality of Sin

Coupled with the sense of God's sovereignty and the dignity of the church, these founders had a deep sense of their own unworthiness. Sin to them was radical, depravity total, and salvation entirely a matter of grace.

They were therefore very modest and humble; this humility they practiced, sometimes to a fault, which accounts in part for the modest place the Mission House held in the church. In the reports to the synods one meets the steady refrain: Soli Deo Gloria. Every progress is ascribed to God. "Ebenezer" is the watchword. Every failure they accept as theirs. There is a refreshing absence of any attempt to exalt men. They seek no recognition or praise. There is no attempt to build a tower of Babel. Every forward step is taken cautiously and prayerfully. They are concerned to find God's will and to follow His leading. All this is the practical expression of their theology.

Pietism

There are other influences which entered into the theoolgical life of the Mission House. The German students, especially those from Lippe Detmold, had come under the influence of the pietistic reaction against rationalism. That is why we heard so much about rationalism in our

student days. Pietism in England resulted in Methodism and strengthened Congregationalism. In Germany, on the other hand, it remained within the established church and served to create a warmer, more evangelical type of Christianity. For our church in America Pietism was at once a danger and a blessing. It was dangerous because it tended to discredit formal religion and the corporate unity and historical continuity of the church. Its emphasis on personal religion was a special danger in an environment of pioneer individualism. This tendency toward progressive disintegration was happily counterbalanced by a sound theology based on the Heidelberg Catechism and the Mercersburg emphasis on church and sacrament. On the other hand Pietism stimulated the missionary zeal, added the experiential and emotional qualities to the doctrine of the atonement, fostered the prayer life, and thus prevented theology from becoming sterile dogmatism. Pietism was further stimulated by men like J. H. Ruetenik, who served as housefather for a time, J. T. Kluge, sent here by the Langenberg Society, and others who came from St. Chrischona, the Mission House of Basel and other mission centers.

Puritanism

The Calvinistic theology also injected into the Mission House and the church of this section an element of Puritanism. Not, indeed, the Puritanism of the Methodist book of discipline, but something of the Puritanism of Geneva, Holland and New England. It found its best expression in the strict observance of the Lord's Day. Church and chapel attendance was no problem during the first fifty years. No unnecessary work was done on Sunday. I do not think that students ever worked at class assignments on Sunday; if so they did it with a guilty conscience. There were no games or amusements of any kind. A Sunday picnic on the campus, with races, baseball and Bratwurst, would have been regarded as flagrant Sabbath desecration. As I recall those Sundays they seem rather dismal and colorless. Yet we seem not to have suffered seriously by the experience. We came to our Monday morning classes with less of that hang-over listlessness so trying for the teacher.

Having so far spoken of the founders in general with special reference to Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, may I now point to some of the individual teachers of theology and their respective contribution to the theology of the Mission House?

DR. J. J. BOSSARD

Among the older alumni there is no name more often and lovingly mentioned than that of Dr. J. J. Bossard. He had received his academic training in Europe and came to Mercersburg with the degree of doctor of philosophy. There under Schaff he studied church history, which he later taught at the Mission House. He was an expert linguist. When his son Guido, the late professor of New Testament at Dubuque, was a student in Europe, the father corresponded with him in Greek, naively complaining one day: "Der Junge macht mir immer noch Fehler." He had preached to a French congregation before he took up his work in

Immanuel Church in Town Herman. His theology was Calvinistic. With all the oddities of a great scholar, he combined a simple faith, which placed his great talents at the service of his Master. His theology is reflected in the western liturgy, which he helped to prepare.

Dr. H. Kurtz

Dr. Kurtz, naturalist, mathematician, musician, came from the Roman Catholic Church. His theology was Pauline. Like Paul reacting against Judaism, so Dr. Kurtz was not ashamed of the Gospel. Salvation by faith alone, the free grace of God, these were the great truths, which led him to endure persecution and hardship and to give himself in humble service to the Master. His theology is perhaps best expressed in his compositions; the theology of the Psalms and of Romans. His influence on his students and through them on our church in the West, was undoubtedly important; he developed in them an appreciation of the best in church music, which is still in evidence. This musical tradition of the Mission House was later faithfully carried on by Dr. Kurtz's pupil and successor, Prof. E. W. Wentz, and is living today in his son, Dr. Aaron Kurtz, who is training the young people in the Dakotas in the best types of church music.

Dr. J. van Haagen

Dr. van Haagen came here from Ursinus Seminary near Philadelphia. Ursinus had been organized by the low-church constituency in the East. This fact indicates his concept of the church. He was a disciple of Dorner, with a somewhat milder type of Calvinism. Both by temperament and in his theology, he was Johannaic rather than Pauline. The beauty and loveliness and utter unselfishness of his character, made a deep and lasting impression on his students. His influence and type of theology was later perpetuated by his disciple and friend

Dr. A. W. Krampe

Dr. Krampe was strongly influenced by the so-called Federal theology. There was in him a strain of mysticism, which inclined him to stress the indwelling of Christ. The nobility and purity of his life, his deep devotional spirit, made him a most beloved teacher and colleague.

Dr. H. A. Meier

Dr. Meier's strict adherence to Reformed theology was never questioned by those who studied under him and understood him best. He published his *Outline of Church History;* also a history of the Mission House and after his retirement, an exposition of the Sermon on the Mount. In his church history courses he dwelt largely on the doctrinal aspects and thus indoctrinated his students.

Dr. Frank Grether

Dr. Grether's strict Calvinism was in practice modified by his rich emotional nature. He was a most effective preacher, who could rouse the feelings of his hearers almost at will. He would have inclined toward sensationalism, but for the safe anchorage of his theology. As a

teacher he was able to make theology interesting. His popular devotional book, *Our Daily Bread,* and his posthumous publication, *Spirit and Life,* reveal both his sound theology and his emotional powers.

Dr. A. E. Hofer

We remember Dr. Hofer as a dignified ecclesiastic. He was our only teacher who consistently wore the clerical vest and collar. This was typical of his idea of the ministry and the church. He preached the sermon at my own graduation on the text, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good will to give you the kingdom," and I recall the sense of elation, almost pride, in the sacred calling. I know of no one who could make the Christian ministry more attractive than this teacher. I also recall his loyalty to the Bible. Unhappy and impatient, if not impractical in his administrative duties, he was always happy in the class room. His students gratefully acknowledge that he taught them to love the ministry and the Bible.

Dr. E. A. Dahlmann

Dr. Dahlmann made his impact not so much by what he taught, as by how he taught. His keen mind, his precise language and his challenging, sometimes irritating, approach roused his students to alert thinking. His classes, I am told, were often sharp, controversial forums. Evidently he succeeded in the difficult task of awakening interest and compelling students to think. Controversy to him was the breath of life, and it, no doubt, often led him into difficulties. Yet he was always zealous in defending the faith of the fathers. He was loyal to the teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism, but, like Dr. Machen, he believed in a militant theology.

Dr. J. M. G. Darms

The election of Dr. Darms as president effected no change in the theology of the Mission House, since his work was chiefly administrative. It was a period of changes as to language, status of the college, curriculum and physical expansion. Theologically he was a product of the Mission House and stood true to its traditional teachings. He exalted the Christian ministry, as set forth in his book, *On the Threshold of the Christian Ministry.* His book, *With Christ Through Lent,* bears testimony to his deep devotional spirit and his loyalty to Christ. He exercised a careful pastoral oversight over the students and stemmed the inroads of the modern ways of student life, at a time when this became increasingly difficult. As professor of missions he gave the missionary task of the church a new and needed emphasis.

Other Teachers

In the earlier history of the Mission House there was scarcely a distinction between the college and seminary teachers, except in the manner in which they were called. With few exceptions, they were either ministers of the Gospel or licentiates and shared fully in the molding of theological thought. Time permits no more than a mere mention of their names, though some merit a fuller appreciation here. Drs. Klein and

Ruetenik have already been mentioned. Others were: C. T. Martin, D.D., D. W. Vriesen, D.D., J. W. Grosshuesch, Ph.D., K. J. Hagemeier, Ph.D., M. Vitz, D.D., J. J. Janett, D.D., Professors Paul and Ernst Traeger, W. C. Lehmann, F. W. Knatz, C. Schieler.

The Present Faculty

As to the men who now occupy the chairs in our Seminary, or professorships in the college, I dare not venture to speak, lest I let myself in for trouble. I may, however, without fear of contradiction say, that all of them are sincerely in harmony with our confessional standards, as well as in harmony with the theological traditions of the Mission House. That there are variations in method, approach and emphasis, is highly desirable. That we are not immune to the theological movements of the world is also self-evident. We are not unmindful of or indifferent to the theological questions which agitate the church today. We aim to keep in cosntant touch with theological labors in Great Britain and on the continent. We were among the first to recognize the significance of Karl Barth and the theology of Crisis. We welcomed much in Barthianism, not so much as something new, but rather as a confirmation of what we already held for truth. Barth's doctrine of God as the transcendent absolute sovereign Lord, his concept of Revelation and his emphasis on the Word of God, his doctrine of sin and atonement and faith, we found in line with the traditional theology of the Mission House. It is not strange, therefore, that we recognized in him a kindred spirit, a contender for the faith and for those evangelical truths by which alone the Church of Jesus Christ can be established.

The Future

What then is the present and future task of our theological seminary, and how can we best serve the United Evangelical and Reformed Church?

1. We shall not set ourselves over against any other institution of the church, as competitor, or rival or antagonist. We may be serving primarily a particular section of the church, but we shall refuse steadfastly to become provincial or sectional in our theology. We shall accept no theological label, nor brand our output with a factional trade mark. The Mission House holds a unique place in the church; it has a wider and larger constituency than any other institution. Its graduates are spread over a wider area than those of other schools. We shall aim to keep our theology as broad as our field of service.

2. We shall labor faithfully on the basis of our old confession, convinced that the Heidelberg Catechism contains the system of doctrines which most nearly conforms to the divine revelation, and that these truths are the foundation of the church and the only hope for a lost world. We have, therefore, nothing new to offer; but we have something old and tested to conserve and to vitalize for our age.

3. Ours shall be a theology of the Word of God. Since man can know nothing about God, much less know God, except insofar as God makes Himself known by revelation in Jesus Christ, therefore there can

be no real theology apart from the Word of God. Hence, theology, the science about God, is simply the science of exegesis, the study, interpretation and application of revelation. To this labor we shall consecrate ourselves, whether in the department of dogmatics, exegesis, historical or practical theology. Before this task we stand in awe. It is a challenging, interesting, beautiful—terrifying task. Only God can make us fit for it; only in His name shall we undertake it!

Statistical Summary of the Synod of the Northwest

Table A—On General Information, Membership and Growth

MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH

	CLASSES	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Renewal of Confession	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Hungarnan Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Sheboygan	28	2	8318	344	71	194	609	105	89	244	438	+171	8489	2737	11169	6648	7190	131	11623	1637	974	....	256	22	3900	3203
2	Milwaukee	19	....	6085	202	41	88	331	102	39	200	341	—10	6075	2087	8142	4271	5392	95	7260	1205	256	....	217	12	3182	2205
3	Minnesota	12	....	3218	104	35	104	243	41	24	89	154	+89	3307	1193	4456	2522	2908	61	3908	702	363	....	116	12	2019	861
4	Nebraska	5	....	753	31	10	45	86	10	4	30	44	+42	795	317	1112	719	1112	21	1236	215	114	....	30	2	572	158
5	Ursinus	9	....	2078	51	9	31	91	32	17	45	94	—3	2075	657	2724	1452	1737	30	2300	400	107	....	52	14	1058	736
6	South Dakota	6	....	2045	82	75	7	164	23	62	89	174	—10	2035	925	2960	1819	112	56	2505	966	71	....	74	....	1188	69
7	Portland-Oregon	7	2	939	35	7	16	58	10	6	24	40	+18	957	304	1261	741	669	33	1245	481	195	....	30	1	441	309
8	West Canada	7	....	1044	31	7	17	55	8	14	26	48	+7	1051	562	1613	824	950	30	1321	28	450	....	42	....	551	197
9	Eureka	5	....	1862	59	38	4	101	11	45	14	70	+31	1893	800	2056	766	1138	38	1236	25	621	....	52	....	947	....
10	California*	7	....	676	33	8	11	52	6	1	57	64	—12	664	243	907	556	603	30	1600	207	137	57	25	4	696	318
		105	4	27018	972	301	517	1790	348	301	818	1467	+323	27341	9825	36400	20318	22309	525	34234	5866	3288	57	894	67	14554	8056

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Table B, On Congregational Giving and Property Value

	CLASSES	CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES: Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	BENEVOLENCES: Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	PROPERTY OF CONGREGATION: Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1	Sheboygan	5925.00	2245.09	59618.84	2076.60	69865.53	34584.96	16620.58	2805.09	3008.94	663.71	23098.32	722.50	490750.00	138800.00	89420.07
2	Milwaukee	2051.00	1630.00	47948.00	1851.00	53480.00	17209.00	12852.00	1263.00	2030.00	434.00	16579.00	....	436300.00	77700.00	60355.00
3	Minnesota	606.41	464.26	30467.33	913.25	32451.25	12115.64	5211.53	10.24	2626.00	16.00	7863.77	3500.00	221500.00	62500.00	15743.59
4	Nebraska	....	....	6225.42	253.30	6478.72	2944.23	1229.70	10.00	68.50	20.00	1328.20	....	31000.00	14700.00	450.00
5	Ursinus	839.19	138.37	15610.54	702.53	17290.63	8190.97	2871.48	118.00	372.30	154.35	3516.13	450.00	92450.00	35000.00	2434.16
6	South Dakota	....	....	11067.77	784.35	11852.12	7932.56	2040.86	....	79.00	82.50	2202.36	....	54400.00	34300.00	2200.00
7	Portland-Oregon	....	....	28269.30	397.48	28666.78	2895.83	1755.75	55.59	381.35	1072.50	3265.19	17100.00	120200.00	24500.00	15000.00
8	West Canada	260.51	37.49	6625.17	338.65	7261.82	4185.16	1348.62	....	122.02	162.79	1633.43	....	47900.00	18700.00	1402.00
9	Eureka	....	....	7207.40	397.05	7604.45	930.90	849.21	....	349.09	....	1198.30	....	27800.00	25600.00	800.00
10	California*	2517.48	775.23	13610.34	304.15	17207.20	2649.16	1213.86	297.78	519.13	54.00	2084.77	....	197000.00	7500.00	29785.02
		12199.59	5290.44	226650.11	8018.36	252158.50	93638.41	45993.59	4559.70	9556.33	2659.85	62769.47	21772.50	1719300.00	439300.00	217589.84

Table C—On Christian Education

	CLASSES	Has Congregation S. S.?	Cradle Roll: Not Attending S. S.	Cradle Roll: Attending S. S.	Cradle Roll: Teachers and Officers	Beginners: Pupils	Beginners: Teachers and Officers	Primary: Pupils	Primary: Teachers and Officers	Junior: Pupils	Junior: Teachers and Officers	Intermediate: Pupils	Intermediate: Teachers and Officers	Senior: Pupils	Senior: Teachers and Officers	Young People: Pupils	Young People: Teachers and Officers	Adult: Pupils	Adult: Teachers and Officers	Home Exten.: Pupils	Home Exten.: Teachers and Officers	TOTALS: Classes	TOTALS: Pupils	TOTALS: Teachers and Officers	Average Total Attendance
1	Sheboygan	41	498	33	4	322	39	641	83	692	74	683	75	351	30	132	8	110	7	9	1	301	3500	352	2241
2	Milwaukee	29	270	13	2	250	29	481	50	458	54	554	49	306	32	211	16	483	23	98	......	262	3042	246	1540
3	Minnesota	17	175	....	....	148	18	248	32	249	32	218	28	125	13	119	6	452	8	......	......	128	1734	145	1358
4	Nebraska	10	10	6	1	52	6	56	7	38	3	44	6	34	4	34	3	106	8	......	......	20	516	42	260
5	Ursinus	13	77	9	3	82	11	134	19	119	16	114	14	80	10	124	10	242	15	10	......	87	1001	99	587
6	South Dakota	28	28	....	....	16	......	184	26	146	19	173	24	191	19	258	14	90	......	......	......	94	1086	102	875
7	Portland-Oregon	9	....	....	....	34	4	81	9	78	7	72	7	76	8	38	4	103	8	......	......	....	483	60	239
8	West Canada	12	....	....	....	27	1	62	3	69	3	55	1	42	3	52	2	49	......	......	......	23	502	24	291
9	Eureka	37	35	4	....	3	......	152	11	98	10	55	5	171	9	45	1	61	......	......	......	42	858	45	254
10	California*	8	5	....	....	49	5	98	13	149	16	127	13	101	12	29	4	69	11	12	1	69	622	74	521
		204	1098	65	10	983	113	2137	253	2096	234	2095	222	1477	140	1042	68	1765	80	129	2	1026	13344	1189	8166

	CLASSES	CONTRIBUTIONS: Educational Work of Board of Christian Education	CONTRIBUTIONS: Other Benevolences	CONTRIBUTIONS: Support of School	Confirmation Classes Enrollm't	Weekday Ch. School Enrollm't	Vacation Ch. School Enrollm't	Teacher & Leadership Training, Local Ch.: Pupils	Local Ch.: Teachers and Officers	C'munity: Pupils	C'munity: Teachers and Officers	General: Camps	General: Summer Conferences and Schools	Workers' Conf.: Sessions per Year	Workers' Conf.: Average Attendance	Number in Colleges and Universities
1	Sheboygan	220.38	858.54	3071.31	398	113	779	24	1	56	....	....	31	73	105	78
2	Milwaukee	224.00	1145.00	3277.00	319	58	262	29	....	55	1	....	....	39	55	70
3	Minnesota	78.00	311.14	853.93	204	14	470	....	....	16	....	....	9	4	10	10
4	Nebraska	....	39.25	250.66	53	......	75	5	1	....	....	....	4	1	12	6
5	Ursinus	52.55	198.89	1297.80	80	18	111	36	1	4	....	....	15	25	92	22
6	South Dakota	31.80	....	78.00	....	123	204	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	....
7	Portland-Oregon	31.00	196.34	569.98	35	......	16	....	....	8	....	....	....	12	12	15
8	West Canada	....	....	164.70	82	150	94	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	2
9	Eureka	....	....	71.00	155	83	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	....
10	California*	56.75	623.26	842.07	44	......	....	22	1	....	....	....	....	4	7	....
		694.48	3372.42	10476.45	1326	559	2011	116	4	139	1	....	59	158	293	203

D, Lay Member Organizations

	CLASSES	Men's Work: Number of Organizations	Men's Work: Total Enrollment All Organizations	Men's Work: Contributions for Missions and Other Benevolences	Women's Work: Number of Organizations	Women's Work: Total Enrollment All Organizations	Women's Work: Contributions for Missions and Other Benevolences	Youth Work: Number of Organizations	Youth Work: Total Enrollment All Organizations	Youth Work: Contributions for Missions and Other Benevolences
1	Sheboygan	16	747	451.00	54	1747	2357.70	28	525	140.65
2	Milwaukee	8	398	527.00	43	1624	3384.00	33	595	420.00
3	Minnesota	2	51	5.00	21	600	136.00	10	247	35.00
4	Nebraska	....	....	....	5	113	200.55	4	63	5.00
5	Ursinus	2	70	5.00	17	455	518.13	11	259	29.00
6	South Dakota	....	....	....	......	....	....	......	....	....
7	Portland-Oregon	2	32	59.00	8	230	806.54	7	95	172.49
8	West Canada	....	....	....	5	141	250.00	6	109	....
9	Eureka	....	....	....	......	....	....	......	....	....
10	California*	1	12	60.00	6	147	769.42	6	193	80.00
		31	1310	1107.00	159	5057	8422.34	105	2086	882.14

Sheboygan Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

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		MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH OF CONGREGATION																								
1	Appleton, First (Vacant)			103		2	1	3			49	49	—46	57			36								3	8
2	Black River Falls, Immanuel, V. D. Weidler			10										10		10	10	10	2	10		9				
3	Back Worf, Reformed, Wm. Oelrich			92	13			13	1	2		3	10	102	23	125	47	92	2	68	52				55	20
4	Branch (Manitowoc), Bethany, Gilbert O. Wernecke			54					2			2	—2	52	18	70	35	38	2	56	44				23	18
5	Centerville, St. John-Ebenezer, Edward P. Nuss	1		105	4			4	1			1	3	108	45	153	95	108	3	168	21	49	1		53	30
6	Chilton, Ebenezer, Edmond L. Hennig	1		370	18	2	5	25	2	5	16	23	2	372	106	478	334	287	4	750	64	14	7	1	164	151
7	Colby, Immanuel, (Vacant)			55	5			5	1	3	5	9	—4	51	12	63	32	28	4	54	42	42	6		31	6
8	Curtiss, Peace (Vacant)			80	9		3	12					12	92	29	121	42	62	2	52	44	13	2	1	26	14
9	Dale, Zion, Victor O. Grosshuesch	1		140	6		1	7	1	4	6	6	1	141	46	187	121	135	2	208	58		3	1	59	28
10	Elmore, Reformed, Caleb Hauser	1		91	1		1	2		3	19	22	—20	71	12	83	55	66	4	90	26	26			30	15
11	Elkhart Lake, Trinity (Vacant)			105	7	2		9	4		3	7	2	107	26	133	91	102	2	96	21	21	1		30	24
12	Fremont, Hope, Victor O. Grosshuesch			122	10		7	17	2	1		3	14	136	32	168	121	131	2	201	58		5	5	34	35
13	Green Bay, First, Emil Buehrer	1		133	8	2	1	11		4	5	9	2	133	44	179	100		3		64		3		61	33
14	Greenwood City, Zion, E. G. Pfeiffer	1		69	5		2	7			6	6	1	69	11	81	60		3	100	30	22	4		25	25
15	Greenwood R. R., Immanuel, Paul Franzmeier	1		226	5	2	1	8	5	3	5	13	—5	221	76	297	161	190	4	196	38	39	5		91	84
16	Herman Town I, Immanuel, John Gatermann	1		300	9			9	4	2		6	3	303	90	393	258	285	3	600	12	50	5		82	71
17	Herman Town II, Bethel, Wm. Bollmann	1		190	7	1	2	10	4	2	2	8	2	192	58	250	168	155	2	168	12	47	6		63	58
18	Hoard, Bethany, Paul Framzmeier			28							3	3	—3	25	9	34	15	24	2	28	15		2		29	10
19	Humbird, St. John's, V. D. Weidler	1		90	8		8	16	3			3	13	103	26	129	79	95	4	88	48	12			62	35
20	Indian Mission, Winnebago, Benj. Stucki		1	82	3		1	4		2	2	4		82		82	59		4		5		8	3	144	21
21	Kaukauna, Immanuel, John Scheib	1		420	13		19	32	8	2	18	28	4	424	170	594	310	400	4	623	61		15	1	181	167
22	Kiel, St. Peter's, Edw. L. Worthman	1		570	20	6	15	41	16	9	7	32	9	579	223	802	538	570	8	1690	58	58	21		301	337
23	Kohler, Grace, A. R. Achtemeier	1		177	5	3	2	10	2	4	2	8	2	179	60	239	172	150	5	425	66		8		155	113
24	Longwood Town, Salem, E. G. Pfeiffer			70		1		1			1	1		70	26	96	55	55	3	95	40	12	2		25	25
25	Manitowoc, First, Gilbert O. Wernecke	1		472	11	7	5	23	4	6	12	22	1	473	170	643	288	360	3	448	64	30	12		136	132
26	Mosel Town, St. Paul's, Prof. Wm. Beckmann		1	74					1		2	3	—3	71	20	91	71	50	3		5	40	3		12	
27	Neillsville, Zion, Wilson M. Bixler	1		130	5	3	3	11	3	1	6	10	1	131	45	176	88	80	3	107	55		4		72	60
28	Newton, Salem-Ebenezer, Robert Klaudt	1		209	6	2		8	3		3	6	2	211	60	271	158	200	4	239	31	36	7		59	53
29	New Holsteein, St. John's, A. Geo. Schmid	1		239	13			13	4	6	2	12	1	240	44	284	183	220	3	344	51	16	9	4	139	123
30	Oshkosh, First, Wm. Oelrich	1		112	6	8		14	1			1	13	125	31	156	38	102	2	96	55		2		54	62
31	Plymouth, Salem, Herman G. Schmid	1		495	17	2	7	26	8	10	1	19	7	502	118	620	392	429	6	478	55	54	16		218	199
32	Porterfield, First, F. P. Franke	1		91			1	1	1			1		91	42	133	54	81	3	60	58				36	31
33	Potter, Peace, J. C. Rosenau	1		205	13			13		2	6	8	5	210	76	286	198	200	6	368	34	31	7		88	94
34	Rhine Town, Zoar, (Vacant)			81	2	1		3		1	2	3		81	25	106	69	81	2	69	10	16	4		18	14
35	Schleswig Town, Bethlehem, Aug. E. Hammann	1		121		1	1	2	2			2		121	32	153	110	121	2	110	5	60	5		50	58
36	Sheboygan, Zion, E. H. Wessler	1		749	21	13	33	67	8	8	20	36	31	780	174	954	698	683	4	1524	72	61	28	1	366	410
37	Sheboygan, Ebenezer, Elmer C. Jaberg	1		390	22	6	25	53		6		6	47	437	269	706	336	400	2	526	60	52	14		265	218
38	Sheboygan, St. Paul's, C. O. Schroer	1		213	26	4	27	57	4	2	9	15	42	255	86	341	227	225	4	497	62		10	4	232	103
39	Sheboygan Falls I, Saron, H. T. Vriesen	1		335	9		3	12	2			2	10	345	114	459	260	342	4	285	14	65	11		112	70
40	Sheboygan Falls II, Salem, Otto A. Menke	1		152		3		3	2			2	1	153	40	193	94	147	2	134	33	32	2		32	28
41	Stratford, Ebenezer (Vacant)			181	11		3	14	1	4	29	34	—20	161	86	247	153	140	2	230	24	25	12		107	78
42	Wausau, First, Otto Gerber	1		387	26		17	43	5		5	10	33	420	163	583	235	346	2	342	70	42	6	1	177	142
		28	2	8318	344	71	194	609	105	89	244	438	171	8489	2737	11169	6648	7190	131	11623	1637	974	256	22	3900	3203

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
	CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES						BENEVOLENCES					PROPEROF OF CONGREGATION			
1	$	$	$	$ 16.50	$ 16.50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
2			62.50	2.50	65.00	42.10	15.00				15.00		1500.00		
3			727.00	23.00	750.00	387.32	156.64		12.00		168.64		4500.00		
4			225.08	13.50	238.58	227.34	45.53		25.00		70.53		1000.00		
5			1547.19	26.25	1573.44	442.05	259.02				259.02		5000.00	3000.00	
6			2121.00	92.50	2213.50	1557.70	627.30		427.27		1054.57		17000.00	5000.00	
7			320.60	13.75	334.35	231.55	61.60			11.00	72.60		4000.00	3500.00	
8			374.00	20.00	394.00	336.80	43.96				43.96		3500.00		
9			1091.00	35.00	1126.00	589.40	263.57	15.00	20.00		298.57		5000.00	2500.00	
10			855.19	22.75	877.94	383.11	170.18		21.50		191.68		6500.00	4000.00	
11			718.92	26.25	745.17	442.05	57.60		10.00		67.60		3850.00	3000.00	
12			1001.22	30.50	1031.72	513.62	260.10	3.50	25.00		288.60		1800.00	2500.00	
13	200.00	80.00	964.57		1244.57	559.93	28.84				28.84		5000.00	5000.00	600.00
14	200.00		580.00	17.25	797.25	290.00	145.00				145.00		4000.00	5000.00	
15	455.00	20.00	1819.00	56.60	2350.60	951.46	370.51	7.00	12.50	11.50	401.51		9000.00	3000.00	
16			1819.92	75.00	1894.92	1263.00	1254.00				1254.00		30000.00	7000.00	
17			1325.00	47.50	1372.50	799.90	273.00		52.00		325.00		6000.00	2500.00	
18			101.20	7.00	108.20	117.88	47.20			2.00	49.20		1200.00		
19	88.00	6.00	830.11	22.50	946.61	378.90	48.00		27.95		75.95		4500.00	2500.00	150.07
20			109.94	20.50	130.44	345.22	416.08	27.00	80.61	8.30	531.99		1500.00	3500.00	
21			2268.67	105.00	2373.67	1768.20	587.98		205.45	12.00	805.43		22000.00	3000.00	
22			3492.23	142.50	3634.73	2399.70	1760.15	188.32			1948.47		20000.00	4000.00	
23	400.00		1700.00	44.25	2144.25	745.17	420.00	70.00	52.00	25.00	567.00		38500.00	7500.00	24100.00
24			384.00	17.50	401.50	295.00	95.00		30.00		125.00		3000.00		
25			2340.32	118.00	2458.32	1987.12	555.68	149.91	120.80		826.39		20000.00	5500.00	
26			437.34	18.50	455.84	311.54	127.28				127.28		3000.00		
27			1067.78	64.25	1132.03	547.30	80.18	55.00			135.18		3500.00	3500.00	
28			1988.00	52.25	2040.25	879.89	728.00				728.00		7000.00	4000.00	
29	125.00	56.15	1857.30	59.75	2098.20	1006.19	374.43		137.15	9.68	521.26		25000.00	5000.00	900.00
30			826.45	28.00	854.45	471.52	307.00		22.50		329.50		4500.00	3000.00	
31			2356.30	123.75	2480.05	2083.95	947.51		534.60	78.00	1560.11		15000.00	5000.00	
32	50.00		513.00	22.50	585.50	383.11	105.25	2266.00			2371.25		7000.00	3000.00	1300.00
33			3166.70	51.25	3217.95	863.05	863.05		269.26	16.00	1148.31	500.00	15000.00	2500.00	
34			533.19	20.25	553.44	341.01	34.00	1.75			35.75		2000.00		
35			1254.52	30.25	1284.77	509.41	180.00		125.60	10.00	315.60		10000.00	3000.00	
36	2250.00	222.34	6811.97	187.25	9471.56	3153.29	3154.00		235.75	341.40	3731.15		50000.00	7000.00	2500.00
37	465.00	840.35	2694.00	60.00	4059.35	1641.90	156.00		58.00	42.00	256.00		35000.00	5000.00	28635.00
38	377.00	144.00	1782.00	53.00	2356.00	896.73	118.00		414.00		532.00		21400.00	10800.00	15600.00
39			2285.49	83.75	2369.24	1410.35	725.00		35.00	20.00	780.00		16000.00	5000.00	
40		28.75	1832.29	38.00	1899.04	639.92	172.72				172.72		12000.00	3000.00	
41	150.00	22.50	1227.65	45.25	1445.40	762.01	260.00		55.00		315.00	22.50	6000.00	3000.00	300.00
42	1165.00	825.00	2206.20	142.50	4338.70	1629.27	326.22	21.61		76.83	424.66	200.00	40000.00	4000.00	15335.00
	$5925.00	$2245.09	$59618.84	$2076.60	$69865.53	$34584.96	$16620.58	$2805.09	$3008.94	$663.71	$23098.32	$ 722.50	490750.00	138800.00	$89420.07

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	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present, Communicant Membership	Baptized but Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Albany, Zwingli, C. Flueckinger, Belleville, Wis.			52						2	8	10	—10	42	24	66	40	36	2		20	3	6			
2	Barneveld, Zwingli, H. Lehman, Verona, Wis.			78	8			8			12	12	—4	74	35	109	74	70	2	105	26	20	2		53	35
3	Belleville, First, C. Flueckinger, Belleville, Wis.	1		186	9			9	5		5	10	1	185	56	241	148	166	2		50		6	1		
4	Campbellsport, Campbellsport, John Mohr	1		205	4		6	10	3	3		6	4	209	98	307	180	188	4	408	65		7		120	70
5	Dane, Immanuel, C. M. Zenk, Madison, Wis.			122	7	3	5	15	1		7	8	7	129	31	160	109	113	2	164	32		7		62	58
6	Fillmore, Fillmore, P. A. Olm, Fredonia, Wis.			96	9			9	1		10	11	—2	94	26	120	70	89	4	186	27	19	2		33	45
7	Harrisburg, Harrisburg, Frank Settlage, Prairie du Sac			49	7			7	2	1		3	4	53	14	67	47	38	4	102	52				54	21
8	Jackson, Frieden's, Theo. Schildknecht	1		107					2	2		4	—4	103	56	159	45	100	3	135	2	2			62	35
9	Lowell, First, Walter Baumgartner	1		172			2	2	2	4		6	—4	168	56	224	154	136	4	294	57		5		41	69
10	Madison, Memorial, C. M. Zenk	1		244	7	5	6	18	1	2	7	10	8	252	72	324	198	197	4	436	55		4		146	127
11	Milwaukee, Grace, Henry C. Nott	1		470	12	6	7	25	13	5	6	24	1	471	134	605		394	4	700	63		15		367	338
12	Milwaukee, Immanuel, F. W. Knatz	1		278	5	2	4	11	3	3	13	19	—8	270	61	331	230	254	4	448	59				186	219
13	Monticello, Zwingli, A. Muehlmeier	1		413	17		6	23	10	1	9	20	3	416	240	656	325	403	3	400	26	26	17		291	
14	Mt. Vernon, Zwingli, H. Lehman, Verona, Wis.			150	32	1	1	34			34	34		150	90	240	130	140	2	220	27	5	14	2	123	35
15	New Berlin, First, F. Heilert, Waukesha, Wis., R. F. D.	1		91			2	2	3		3	6	—4	87	7	94	63	27	2	94	54		2		18	20
16	New Glarus, Swiss Reformed, Richard Rettig	1		843	22	1	24	47	15	1	20	36	11	854	278	1132	460	802	5	916	31	27	46	1	459	284
17	Paoli, Zwingli, C. Flueckinger, Belleville, Wis.			60	6			6	1	2	7	10	—4	56	35	91	54	36	2	94	22	3	6	4		
18	Pewankee, Salem, H. G. Settlage, Waukesha, Wis.			69			4	4	3		1	4		69	17	86	61		3	61	27		3		28	32
19	Prairie du Sac, Prairie du Sac, Frank Settlage	1		114						5	17	22	—22	92	35	127	47	83	4	86	52		2			34
20	Reeseville, First, R. P. Kuentzel	1		180	3	3	5	11	2		6	8	3	183	58	241	172	165	3	526	59	13	3	1	92	64
21	Reeseville, Second, R. P. Kuentzel			68	4			4					4	72	19	91	61	68	3	188	59	13	4		19	9
22	Sauk City, First, Geo. Grether	1		294		6		6	6	3	4	13	—7	287	91	378	240	235	2	345	42	12	8		184	25
23	Tw. Washington, Reformation, A. Muehlmeier, Monticello			103					3			3	—3	100	49	149	60	97	3	60			3		25	49
24	Verona, Salem, H. Lehman	1		92	1			1			1	1		92	60	152	90	90	2	150	60		6	1	113	35
25	Watertown, Zoar, Ariel Achtermann (Supply)	1		125	5	5		10	1			1	9	134	60	174	80	110	2	98	44	12	2		85	80
26	Waubeka Community, P. A. Olm, Fredonia, Wis.	1		95	4		2	6	1	2	4	7	—1	94	39	133	64	85	4	170	51		3	1	63	47
27	Waukesha, First, H. G. Settlage	1		682	23	3		26	12	3	20	35	—9	673	161	834	559	648	4		56	16	26	1	362	311
28	Wayne, Salem, A. A. Graf, Campbellsport, R. 3, Wis.	1		222	6	2	2	10	5		2	7	3	225	65	290	155	222	4	226	30	30	3		42	40
29	West Bend, Immanuel, W. E. Huber	1		425	11	4	12	27	7		4	11	16	441	120	561	355	400	8	648	57	55	15		154	103
		19		6085	202	41	88	331	102	39	200	341	—10	6075	2087	8142	4271	5392	95	7260	1205	256	217	12	3182	2205

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1			354.00	15.00	369.00			10.00	15.00	25.00	50.00				
2			800.00		800.00		85.00		25.00	5.00	115.00				
3	300.00	46.00	1176.00	36.00	1558.00				42.00		42.00				
4	275.00	25.00	2100.00	69.00	2469.00	792.00	326.00		21.00	2.00	349.00		10500.00	2500.00	325.00
5	90.00	10.00	838.00	36.00	974.00	498.00	102.00		27.00		129.00		5500.00		
6			895.00	28.00	923.00		28.00	48.00			76.00		4000.00		
7			420.00	17.00	437.00	172.00	100.00		30.00		130.00		2500.00		
8	200.00	120.00	1200.00	35.00	1555.00	1200.00	1200.00				1200.00		10000.00	4000.00	2400.00
9			1155.00	51.00	1206.00		47.00		49.00		96.00		3800.00	3000.00	
10		768.00	2312.00	73.00	3153.00	954.00	166.00	113.00	71.00	23.00	373.00		48000.00	7500.00	36150.00
11			4943.00	141.00	5084.00	1838.00	2341.00		260.00	136.00	2737.00		50000.00	8000.00	
12	186.00	129.00	4969.00	95.00	5379.00	1087.00	1229.00	142.00		25.00	1396.00		45000.00	7000.00	7800.00
13			1948.00	140.00	2088.00	1564.00	1220.00	900.00	239.00		2359.00		10000.00	7500.00	
14	150.00		900.00		1050.00		150.00		20.00		170.00		3000.00	3000.00	500.00
15			295.00	27.00	322.00		59.00			4.00	63.00		2500.00	1500.00	
16			4612.00	253.00	4865.00	3339.00	2085.00		249.00	92.00	2426.00		50000.00	6000.00	
17			403.00	33.00	436.00			42.00	12.00	15.00	69.00		3000.00		
18			569.00	27.00	596.00	269.00	104.00		15.00	8.00	127.00		8000.00		
19			490.00	39.00	529.00	440.00	49.00				49.00		2000.00	2000.00	
20		250.00	1356.00	63.00	1669.00		349.00		10.00	15.00	374.00		20000.00	4000.00	5000.00
21			646.00	19.00	665.00		152.00			10.00	162.00		4000.00		250.00
22	500.00	24.00	3234.00	100.00	3858.00	1150.00	400.00		126.00	5.00	531.00		42000.00	3000.00	550.00
23			450.00	30.00	480.00	391.00	536.00			21.00	557.00		3000.00		
24	150.00		1000.00		1150.00		100.00		25.00		125.00		3000.00	3000.00	500.00
25			1280.00	74.00	1354.00				78.00		78.00		9500.00	3500.00	
26	100.00		1145.00	25.00	1270.00		38.00	8.00	55.00	3.00	104.00		5000.00		400.00
27			3622.00	205.00	3827.00	2647.00	1000.00		554.00	35.00	1589.00		50000.00	5000.00	
28		12.00	1673.00	75.00	1760.00	868.00	601.00		107.00		708.00		12000.00	4000.00	350.00
29	100.00	246.00	3163.00	145.00	3654.00		385.00			10.00	395.00		30000.00	3200.00	6130.00
	$2051.00	$1630.00	$47948.00	$1851.00	$53480.00	$17209.00	$12852.00	$1263.00	$2030.00	$434.00	$16579.00		436300.00	$77700.00	$60355.00

Minnesota Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Minister		MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH OF CONGREGATION																						
		Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed at least once in Year	Members Supporting the Church Financially	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants during Year	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Total Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Garner, Ia., Peace, Wm. Huenemann	1		191	4	2	1	7	2	6	8	16	—9	182	88	270	112	182	3	170	31	31	9	1	160	30
2	Zion, Wm. Huenemann			88		2		2	2			2		88	28	116	42	80	3	71	52	2	1		52	20
3	Klemme, Ia., Immanuel, Calvin Grosshuesch	1		284	8	9	1	18	4	5	5	14	4	288	133	421	212	247	3	247	40	30	11		459	105
4	Waukon, Ia., Zion, Frank Stucki	1		472	13	5	8	26	5	2	11	18	8	480	142	622	389	480	3	658	46	20	11		271	187
5	Salem, E. M. DeBuhr	1		225	8	1	6	15	3		4	7	8	233	99	332	205	219	3	283	30	55	5		132	
7	Dahlgren, Minn., Zoar, E. H. Opperman	1		166	7	1	5	13	2	3		5	8	174	66	240	127	163	3	164	12	47	4		50	23
6	Bongards, Minn., St. John's, E. H. Opperman			91					1		2	3	—3	88	43	131	53	85	3	81	12	47	1		26	
8	Hamburg, Minn., St. Paul's, Otto Vriesen	1		209	12		4	16	4		4	8	8	217	83	300	208	215	5	226	12	48	12		69	
9	St. Paul, Minn., Peace, Arthur Krueger	1		183	7	12	25	44	3			3	41	224	70	294	212	195	5	417	65	37	10	3	113	91
10	Wabasha, Minn., Trinity, Jason Hoffman	1		115			4	4	5			5	—1	114	31	145	72	64	3	125	50			2	39	29
11	West Concorn, Minn., Zwingli, Edwin H. Vornholt	1		156		1	26	27					27	183	57	240	129	100	2	145	52	4	4		76	85
12	Alma, Wis., St. Paul's, Edw. Mohr	1		136	4			4	2		23	25	—21	115	35	140	95	115	4	105	50		4		46	50
13	Cochrane, Wis., Hope, Edw. Mohr			29	4		4	8					8	37	10	47	30	37	4	30	26		2		10	12
14	Eagle Valley, Wis., Immanuel (Vacant)			34										34												
15	Fountain City, Wis., St. John's (Vacant)			129	8			8	1	3		4	4	133	20	153	75	86	2	80	45	8	5		30	36
16	LaCross, Wis., St. John's, W. J. Stuckey	1		343	13	1	15	29	5	1		6	23	366	129	495	281	330	4	579	67	1	11	1	155	75
17	Trinity, Ezra Vornholt	1		194		1	1	2	1		6	7	—5	189	82	271	151	164	4	389	67	2	6		271	42
18	Rice Lake, Wis., Zwingli (Vacant)			94	9			9	1	2	4	7	2	96	47	143	56	70	3	65	24	31	12		25	36
19	Tell, Wis., St. Luke's, Edw. Mohr			79	7		4	11		2	22	24	—13	66	30	96	73	76	4	73	21		8	5	35	40
		12		3218	104	35	104	243	41	24	89	154	89	3307	1193	4456	2522	2908	61	3908	702	363	116	12	2019	861

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

	CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES						BENEVOLENCES					PROPEROF OF CONGREGATION			
	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1	$	$	$ 2448.00	$ 57.30	$ 2505.30	$ 719.44	$ 425.73	$	$1723.75		$ 2149.48		$ 9000.00	$ 5000.00	$
2			370.00	26.40	396.40	293.23	95.30		87.90		183.20		8000.00		
3			2640.00	85.20	2725.00	1083.07	730.03		331.00		1061.03	500.00	30000.00	3500.00	
4			5796.86	141.60	5938.46	1845.52	819.53		416.29		1235.82		40000.00	5000.00	
5			1770.00	77.50	1847.50	879.75	565.70				565.70		25000.00	5000.00	
7			1679.88	49.80	1729.68	649.06	260.00				260.00		3500.00	5000.00	
6			901.09	27.30	928.39	367.54	197.29				197.29		4000.00	2000.00	
8			2016.00	62.00	2078.00	852.38	563.43				563.43		5000.00	7000.00	
9			2043.16	54.90	2458.06	703.80	401.94				401.94		20000.00	1000.00	
10			744.00		744.00	449.65	90.00				90.00		7500.00	3000.00	500.00
11	6.41	166.26	987.20	120.55	1280.42	609.96	59.76	10.24			70.00		3000.00	4000.00	1993.59
12			960.32	40.80	1001.12	531.76	155.00				155.00		3000.00	3150.00	
13			255.14	8.70	263.84	113.39	40.00				40.00	3000.00	3000.00	850.00	700.00
14						132.94									
15			872.07		872.07	492.66	197.50				300.00		40000.00	3000.00	12250.00
16	600.00	298.00	2726.00	103.00	3727.00	1470.16	274.00		20.00	6.00	197.50		5000.00	5000.00	
17			2356.68	6.30	2362.98	729.26	200.00		22.06		222.06		10000.00	5000.00	
18			850.00	28.20	878.20	383.18	82.00		25.00	10.00	117.00		2500.00	4000.00	
19			690.93	23.70	714.63	308.89	54.32				54.32		3000.00	1000.00	300.00
	$ 606.41	$ 424.26	$30467.33	$ 913.25	$32451.25	$12115.64	$ 5211.53	$ 10.24	$2626.00	$ 16.00	$ 7863.77	$ 3500.00	221500.00	$62500.00	$15743.59

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	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed at least once in Year	Members Supporting the Church Financially	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants during Year	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Total Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Loveland, Colorado, Hope (Supplied)																									
2	Columbus, Nebr., R. 4, Gruetli, C. Wm. Deglow	1		38										38	28	66	35	35	4	80	12	10	3		56	6
3	Bethel, C. Wm. Deglow			40					2		1	3	—3	37	19	56	38	37	4	120	26		3			
4	Harbine, Nebr., Hope, P. S. Kohler	1		147	12		3	15			2	2	13	160	69	229	131		4	131	32	26	4		139	
5	Harvard, Nebr. (Vacant)																									
6	Humboldt, Nebr., R. 4, St. John's (Supplied)																									
7	Salem, A. O. Engelmann	1		108	2	1		3					3	111	51	162	95	84	4	300	60		7		144	48
8	Lincoln, Nebr., Emmanuel (Vacant)																									
9	Norfolk, Nebr., R. 1, Peace, C. H. Riedesel	1		93	6		7	13		1		1	12	145	28	133	85	105	3	129	42	11	5	2	52	21
10	Emmanuel, C. H. Riedesel			44					1			1	—1	43	9	52	37	43	3	79	42	11			43	11
11	Sutton, Nebr., Immanuel, Paul Traeger, Ph.D.	1		283	11	9	35	55	7	3	27	37	18	301	113	414	298	301	3	397	1	56	8		138	72
		5		753	31	10	45	86	10	4	30	44	42	795	317	1112	719	610	21	1236	215	114	30	2	572	158

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1															
2			345.82	10.80	357.62	148.58	80.00			10.00	90.00		1500.00	1200.00	
3			460.00	12.00	472.00	156.40	85.00			10.00	95.00				
4			1136.00	44.20	1180.20	574.77	162.00				162.00		4000.00	3500.00	450.00
5															
6															
7			1060.60	32.40	1093.00	422.28	82.50		68.50		151.00		2500.00	3500.00	
8															
9			843.00	55.80	897.80	363.63	284.00				284.00		10000.00	4000.00	
10			475.00	13.20	488.20	172.04	97.20	10.00			107.20		6000.00		
11			1905.00	84.90	1989.90	1106.53	439.00				439.00		7000.00	2500.00	
			$ 6225.42	$ 253.30	$ 6478.72	$ 2944.23	$ 1229.70	$ 10.00	$ 68.50	$ 20.00	$ 1328.20		$31000.00	$14700.00	$ 450.00

Ursinus Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed at least once in Year	Members Supporting the Church Financially	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants during Year	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Total Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Alleman, Ia., Salem, Arthur Kruetzmann	1		259	7		2	9	2		2	4	5	264	83	347	221	227	3	221	62		9		176	140
2	Baxter, Bethania, D. E. Bosma	1		204	5		1	6	2		4	6		204	53	257	147	178	3	216	25	35	1	4	65	52
3	Big Rock, Immanuel, A. C. Fischer (Supply)			29		5		5	1			1	4	33	8	41	22	33	1	22	18		2		19	15
4	Ledyard, Bethany, A. A. Depping	1		132			14	14	2		4	6	8	140	64	196	50	78	2	60	26	26	4	5	98	45
5	Marengo, St. John's, Louis A. Moser (Supply)			29					3			3	—3	26	3	29	28	26	2	60	13		1		16	13
6	R. 1, St. Paul's, Louis A. Moser	1		70	1			1	1	1		2	—1	69	11	80	58	70	3	128	21		2	1	28	10
7	Melbourne, St. John's, John R. Seidler	1		159		1		1	1	2	1	4	—3	156	49	205	116	115	2	175	43	12	3		102	66
8	Monticello, Monticello, A. H. Tendick	1		241	11			11	10	1		11		241	88	329	206	205	4	151	63	12	11		104	58
9	Newton, R. 5, Zoar (Vacant)			87					2			2	—2	85	34	119	32	61	1	32	16		2		56	44
10	Odebolt, R. 3, Salem, Samuel Elliker, Jr. (Supply)	1		73	6		2	8			4	4	4	77	41	118	48	55	1	48	10		3	2	52	27
11	Schaller, Immanuel, O. J. Engelmann	1		129	4	1		5	1		8	9	—4	125	61	186	92	90	3	116	27	13	5		66	30
12	Wheatland, St. Paul's, A. Calvin Fischer	1		502	14	2	10	26	5	12	21	38	—12	490	110	600	312	440	2	458	51	9	3	2	103	160
13	Williamsburg, R. 4, Zion, Louis A. Moser			164	3		2	5	2	1	1	4	1	165	52	217	120	162	3	249	25		6		83	76
		9		2078	51	9	31	91	32	17	45	94	—3	2075	657	2724	1452	1737	30	2300	400	107	52	14	1058	736

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1	125.00	120.00	3148.85	88.06	3481.91	1012.69	638.25		81.00	56.00	775.25		35000.00	3500.00	2075.00
2	468.00		2033.66	69.36	2571.02	797.00	591.52		50.50	28.35	670.37		14000.00	4000.00	
3			150.00	10.00	160.00	113.00	12.00				12.00		3000.00		
4			840.00	44.80	884.80	546.00	186.00				186.00		2000.00	2000.00	
5			161.61	9.80	171.41	101.66	11.00				11.00		1000.00	1000.00	
6			847.69	23.80	871.49	273.70	118.53				118.53		2500.00	5000.00	
7			1445.58	54.06	1499.64	621.69	239.60				239.60	450.00	3950.00	4000.00	
8	53.69	18.37	1569.80	81.63	1723.49	989.00	78.00		47.80	15.00	140.80		6000.00	4000.00	217.00
9			404.51	26.58	431.09	340.17	70.11				70.11		3500.00	2500.00	
10	92.50		541.51	24.82	658.83	285.43	27.47		18.00	2.00	47.47		2000.00	2000.00	
11			1046.00	43.86	1089.86	504.39	133.80		25.00		158.80		6000.00	2000.00	
12			2634.00	170.00	2804.00	1963.00	659.00	118.00	150.00	53.00	980.00		11000.00	5000.00	
13	100.00		787.33	55.76	943.09	643.24	106.20				106.20		2500.00		142.16
	$ 839.19	$ 138.37	$15610.54	$ 702.53	$17290.63	$ 8190.97	$ 2871.48	$ 118.00	$ 372.30	$154.35	$ 3516.13	$ 450.00	$92450.00	$35000.00	$ 2434.16

South Dakota Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed at least once in Year	Members Supporting the Church Financially	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants during Year	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Total Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Alpena, S. D., Ebenezer, Wm. Korn	1		66	6	6		12					12	78	24	102	50	66	2	60		19	1		39	
2	Frieden's, Alpena, Wm. Korn				6	42		48					48	48	25	73	45	48	2	65		6	2		28	
3	Salem, Virgil, Wm. Korn			21	1			1			6	6	—5	16	9	25	10	16	1	10		6			8	
4	Hoffnung, Reliance, Wm. Korn			28	1			1	1		3	4	—3	25	29	54	20	25	1	20		12	1		31	
5	Delmont, Bethany, P. Schild	1		54							6	6	—6	48	44	92	48	45	3	110	3	48			61	

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1			221.48	26.40	247.88	268.06	54.90				54.90		2000.00	3000.00	
2			169.10	17.20	186.30				6.00		6.00		2000.00		
3			74.50	6.00	80.50	82.11.	3.00				3.00		1500.00		
4			140.25	10.00	150.25	109.48	9.50				9.50		200.00		
5			450.00	21.60	471.60	211.14	95.00				95.00		1500.00	4000.00	

South Dakota Classis (continued) Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

No.	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Minister: Resident Pastor	Minister: Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Trsnafer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Cchurch School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
6	Delmont, S. D., New Salem, P. Schild			49			1	1		1	3	4	—3	46	23	69	40	35	3	97		50	3		45	
7	Bethel, Kaylor, P. Schild			31						1	5	6	—6	25	12	37	27	25	3	69		26	2		18	
8	Frieden's, Armour, P. Schild			27			1	1			4	4	—3	24	8	32	20	20	3	55	20	20	1		18	
9	Herrick, S. D., Zion, P. Schild (Supply)			49		2		2	1			1	1	50	18	68	40	18	1	40	12	12	4		20	
10	Frieden's, Burck, P. Schild (Supply)			10						2		2	—2	8	4	12	4	4	1	4	12	12				
11	Hoffnung, Fairfax, P. Schild (Supply)			16										16	12	28	12	8	1	12		13			6	
12	Kassel, Zion, Menno, A. Kurtz (Supply)			116	4	2		6	3		9	12	—6	110	54	164	102	43	3	240		55	4		73	
13	Johannestal, Freeman, A. Kurtz (Supply)			47	2			2					2	49	39	88	47	20	3	127		55	5		27	
14	Marion, S. D., Bethel, A. Kurtz	1		73							7	7	—7	66	13	79	62	47	2	122	24	29	1		24	
15	Hoffnung, Emery, A. Kurtz			21		2		2	1			1	1	22	12	34	21	15	2	40		14	3		9	
16	Menno, S. D., Salem, John Bodenman	1		265	10	4		14	2	17	2	21	—7	258	73	331	178	75	2	238		66	4		114	48
17	Ebenezer, John Bodenman			117	5	3		8		6		6	2	119	55	174	107	37	2	141		56	2		94	
18	Saron, John Bodenman			72	5	1		6		6		6		72	48	120	65	18	2	104		55	2		76	
19	Bethlehem, Freeman, John Bodenman			59	5		3	8		6		6	2	61	25	84	52	14	2	88		59	3		19	
20	Miller, S. D., Hoffnung, Highmore, Wm. Korn			29	12	2		14			9	9	5	34	25	59	29	30	1	30		16	3		23	
21	Zion, Wm. Korn			43	7			7					7	50	28	78	43	30	1	30		16	3		22	
22	Ebenezer, Wm. Korn			17							17	17	—17													
23	Hoffnung, Wessington Springs, Wm. Korn			45					1	7	7	15	—15	30	12	42	30	30	1	30		12	2		6	
24	Scotland, S. D., Bethany, U. Zogg	1		141			2	2	4	9		13	—11	130	63	183	130	112	4	130		83	1		53	
25	Freeman, U. Zogg			53	1	1		2	1			1	1	54	13	67	54	45	4	54		32	1		15	
26	Zion's, U. Zogg			64						2		2	—2	62	23	85	59	62	4	59		29	1		32	
27	Tripp, S. D., Frieden's, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D.	1		262	8	8		16	2		10	12	4	266	124	390	261	100	4	261		55	12		163	21
28	Emanuel, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D.			192	6	2		8	4	2	1	7	1	193	89	282	193	80	4	199		55	10		104	
29	Bethel, K. J. Stuebbe, D.D.			78	3			3	3	3		6	—3	75	33	108	70	35	4	70		55	2		60	
		6		2045	82	75	7	164	23	62	89	174	—10	2035	925	2960	1819	1112	56	2505	71	966	74		1188	69

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

No.	Congregational Expenses: Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Benevolences: Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Property of Congregation: Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings And Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
6	$	$	$ 400.00	$ 19.60	$ 419.60	$ 191.59	$ 72.00	$	$	$	$ 72.00	$	$ 1500.00	$	$
7			230.00	10.80	240.80	121.12	45.00				45.00		1500.00		
8			140.00	8.00	148.00	105.57	30.00				30.00		1500.00		
9			193.00	32.90	227.90	191.59	17.50				17.50		800.00	800.00	
10			25.00	.80	25.80	39.10									
11			107.50		107.50	62 56	5.40				5.40		2000.00		
12			535.00	46.00	581.00	453.56	110.75				110.75		1200.00	2500.00	
13			220.00	19.00	239.00	183.77	22.63				22.63		1400.00		
14			1045.00	29.00	1074.00	285.43	141.81				141.81		5000.00	2500.00	
15			300.00	8.00	308.00	82.11	14 61				14.61		800.00		
16			1130.00	84.55	1214.55	1033.00	297.85		34.00	22.50	354.35		8000.00	8000.00	
17			605.00	46.80	651.80	456.00	166.40		13.00		179.40		2500.00		
18			250.00	28.80	278.80	280.00	56.70				56.70		2500.00		
19			260.00	23.60	283.60	230.00	181.75		11.00		192.75		2500.00		
20			126.21	17.70	143.91	113.39	12.20				12.20			3500.00	2200.00
21			130.00		130.00	168.13	12.20				12.20				
22															
23			185.20	18.00	203.20	175.19	25.00				25.00				
24			991.00	56.40	1047.40	551.31	135.00		10.00		145.00		10000.00	7000.00	
25			488.53	21.20	509.73	207.23	56 65		5.00		61.65		1000.00		
26			380.00	19.20	399.20	250.24	45.55				45.55		1000.00		
27			1189.00	104.80	1293.80	1024.42	205.60			30.00	235.60		1500.00	3000.00	
28			800.00	76.80	876.80	750.72	148.69			20.00	168.69		1300.00		
29			280.00	31.20	311.20	304.98	75.17			10 00	85.17		1200.00		
			$11067.77	$ 784.35	$11852.12	$ 7932.56	$ 2040.86		$ 79.00	$ 82.50	$ 2202.36		$54400.00	$34300.00	$ 2200.00

Portland-Oregon Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

No.	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Minister: Resident Pastor	Minister: Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Trsnafer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Cchurch School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Hillsboro, Ore., Emanuel, B. M. Fresenborg	1		98	2			2	2			2		98	66	164	72	98	3	156	35	28			76	48
2	Hillsdale, Ore., Hillsdale, J. Egger	1		90			1	1	2	2		4	—3	87	27	114	64	61	5		60	31	1		70	
3.	Portand, Ore., First, G. Hafner	1		195	5		1	6	2		6	8	—2	193	41	234	145	80	4	356	52	26	7			50
4	Second, G. F. Zinn	1		127	7	1	11	19	1	2	4	7	12	139	40	179	112	90	4	119	104		8		124	55
5	Third, A. F. Lienkaemper	1		85						2	1	3	—3	82	19	101	57	64	3	66	52	1	2		53	71
6	Quincy, Wash., Ebenezer, W. A. Werth (Supply)		1	43	9			9	1			1	8	51	21	72	60	42	2		21	52	1		29	30
7	Salem, Ore., Bethany, E. Horstman	1		72							2	2	—2	70	14	84	65	60	4	173	63	51	1			10
8	Tillamook, Ore., St. John's, I. G. Nace	1		175	8	6	3	17	1		6	7	10	185	69	254	131	151	4	256	66		9	1	102	45
9	Wilsonville, Ore., Meridian, C. F. Howe (Supply)		1	54	4			4	1		5	6	—2	52	7	59	55	23	4	119	28	6			27	
		7	2	939	35	7	16	58	10	6	24	40	18	957	304	1261	741	669	33	1245	481	195	30	1	441	309

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

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1			976.56	39.20	1015.76	383.18	92.86		18.00	33.50	144.36		3000.00	2500.00	
2			1507.50	58.50	1566.00		286.00	44.00	10.00	65.50	405.50	100.00	8000.00	2000.00	
3			2835.00	79.20	2912.20	762.45	268.00			886.00	1154.00		60000.00	10000.00	
4			18150.00	50.80	18200.80	496.00	175.00		70.00	25.00	270.00	17000.00	17000.00	6000.00	15000.00
5			1110.00	34.00	1144.00	322.00	121.00		24.00	5.00	150.00		3500.00	2500.00	
6			547.60	17.20	564.80		174.11				174.11		2000.00	2000.00	
7			1136.56	28.80	1165.36	247.95	247.95		171.63	47.50	467.08		20000.00	5000.00	
8			1648.27	70.00	1718.27	684.25	350.79		66.35	10.00	427.14		6000.00	3500.00	
9			357.81	21.78	379.59		40.04	11.59	21.37		73.00		700.00		
			$28269.30	$ 397.48	$28666.78	2895.83	1755.75	55.59	381.35	1072.50	$ 3265.19	$17100.00	120200.00	$24500.00	$15000.00

West Canada Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

No.	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Minister: Resident Pastor	Minister: Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Trsnafer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Cchurch School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Brown, Man., Can., Immanuel, P. Wiegand	1		89	10			10			6	6	4	93	52	145	42	93	2	49		31	5		34	
2	Duff, Sask., Can., Frieden's, G. Wolf	1		53	6			6	1	1		2	4	57	59	116	55	57	1	65		43	5		59	11
3	Duffield, Alta., Can., Mewassin, C. H. Reppert			52							6	6	—6	46	35	81	46	46	2	80	9	17	2		41	
4	Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., Can., Frieden's, J. F. Krieger	1		164	6			6					6	170	112	282	161	170	3	305		59	5		74	51
5	Grenfell, Sask., Can., St. John's, Carl Fried	1		68	3			3		2		2	1	69	36	105	69	69	4	100		35	2		25	24
6	Morden, Man., Can., Zion, P. Wiegand			29										29	19	48	9	29	1	9		27	1		10	
7	Martins, Alta., Can., Salem (Vacant)			76			6	6	1			1	5	81	27	108	63	71	3	125		26	3		33	
8	Neudorf, Sask., Can., Zion, Carl Fried			19		1		1	1	1	3	5	—4	15	15	30	15	15	3	32		18	2		9	
9	Stony Plain, Alta., Can., Hoffnung, C. H. Reppert	1		137		3	2	5	2	1	5	8	—3	134	87	221	87	129	2	165	7	50	5		145	15
10	Vegreville, Alta., Can., Zion (Vacant)			63			2	2	2		4	6	—4	59	35	94	45	48	1	45	1	15	2		45	22
11	Winnipeg, Man., Can., Salem, C. D. Maurer	1		216	4		7	11	1	9	2	12	—1	215	56	271	155	140	4	220	11	80	7		46	59
12	Wolseley, Sask., Can., Bethany, J. Schlamp	1		78	2	3		5					5	83	29	112	77	83	4	126		49	3		30	15
		7		1044	31	7	17	55	8	14	26	48	7	1051	562	1613	824	950	30	1321	28	450	42		551	197

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

No.	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings And Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1			430.00	27 00	457.00	279.00	82.00			25.00	107.00		2500.00	1500.00	
2			350.00	15.90	365.90	196.00	74.10		3.75		77.85		1500.00	1200.00	
3			184.00	16.00	200.00	203.00	53.00		10.00		63.00		4000.00		
4			1807.27	49.20	1856.47	606.00	378.22		57.27	45.59	481.08		9500.00	5000.00	
5			457 51	20.40	477.91	761.00	67.06				67.06		1000.00	1000.00	
6			165.00	9.00	174.00	87.00	33.50				33.50		1000.00		
7			221.65	23.10	244.75	308.00	122.00				122.00		2300.00		
8			103.30	5.70	109.00	78.00	11.71				11.71		1400.00		100.00
9			900.00	51 00	951.00	534.00	169.00		47.00		216.00		3500.00	2000.00	
10			184.14	40.95	225.09		61.85				61.85		1700.00	1500.00	
11	260.51	37.49	1387.30	57.00	1742.30	844.56	226.42			92.20	318.62		18000.00	5000.00	1202.00
12			435.00	23 40	458.40	288.60	69.76		4.00		73.76		1500.00	1500.00	100.00
	$260.51	$ 37.49	$ 6625.17	$ 338.65	$ 7261.82	$ 4185.16	$ 1348.62		$ 122.02	$162.79	$ 1633.43		$47900.00	$18700.00	$ 1402.00

Eureka Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

No.	LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Minister: Resident Pastor	Minister: Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members Reported Last Year	Members Gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members Lost a) By Death	b) By Trsnafer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized But Not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant and Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Cchurch School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.
1	Ashley, N. D., Ashley Chg., Ashley (Vacant)			31					1	1		2	—2	29	25	54		22					1		27	
2	Danzig, Danzig (Vacant)			20										20	13	33		10							20	
3	Hoffnungsthal, Ashley, R. D. (Vacant)			67	1			1		2		2	—1	66	45	111		48					4		58	
4	Saron, Ashley, R. D. (Vacant)			51	2			2		1		1	1	52	46	98		30					2		58	
5	Beulah, N. D., Zion (Vacant)			6										6												

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

No.	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings And Real Estate	Value of Parsonage	Amount of Present Indebtedness on All Property
1															
2															
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Eureka Classis (continued) Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Minister		MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH																								
	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members reported last year	Members gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized but not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant & Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.	Japanese Services
6 Fullerton, N. D., Fullerton Chg., Immanuel, E. Kaempchen	1		88		1		1	1			1		88	40	128	79	88	3	165		20	2		45		
7 Kulm, Kulm, E. Kaempchen			18	1			1					1	19	8	27	10		3	30		13					
8 Heil, N. D., Grace (Vacant) (Former Statistics)			32										32													
9 Lincoln Val., N. D., Chg., Kassel, Denhoff, F.F. Ott (Sup.)			66	5	5		10					10	76													
10 Zion, McClusky, F. F. Ott (Supply)			25						2		2	—2	23													
11 Medina, N. D., Zoar (Vacant) (Former Statistics)			39										39													
12 Rohrbach (Vacant) (Former Statistics)			19										19													
13 Streeter, N. D., Streeter Chg., Hoffnungs (Vacant)			34					2			2	—2	32	20	52		32					1		24		
14 Frieden's (Vacant)			33						6		6	—6	27	35	62	16	16				40			52		
15 Zion (Vacant)			76						2		2	—2	74	41	115	30	34	1	30		52	2		117		
16 Ebenfeld (Vacant)			22										22			10	8	2	20		40			46		
17 Glaubens (Vacant)			16										16			10	5	1	10					16		
18 Upham, N. D., Peace, Rev. F. F. Ott	1		77	7	7		14					14	91													
19 Wishek, N. D., Wishek, E. Kaempchen (Supply)			50	6	7		13	2	6		8	5	55	22	77	50	53	3	120		52	1		25		
20 Johannestal, E. Kaempchen (Supply)			23	3			3	1			1	2	25	8	33	22	23	3	60		52	1		10		
21 Neudorf, E. Kaempchen (Supply)			34	1	2		3		6		6	—3	31	20	51	25	30	3	60		52	1		18		
22 Zeeland, N. D., Zeeland Chg., Johannes, K. Krueger	1		67	7	2	4	13		1		1	12	79	45	124	59	79	2	59	12	30	2		48		
23 Neukassel, K. Krueger			39	3			3		2		2	1	40	47	87	24	40	2	24		28	9		49		
24 Rohrbach, Greenway, S. D., K. Krueger			33	2			2					2	35	22	57	17	35	2	17		28			24		
25 Kassel, Venturia, N. D., K. Krueger			22	3			3					3	25	12	37	25	25	2	25		28			14		
26 Artas, S. D., Odessa Chg., Artas (Vac.) Former Statistics			94										94													
27 Frieden's (Vacant) Former Statistics			29										29													
28 Herried, Herried (Vacant) Former Statistics			22										22													
29 Missouri, Pollack (Vacant) Former Statistics			22										22													
30 Java, Java (Vacant) Former Statistics			22										22													
31 Eureka, S. D., Petersburg, W. J. Krieger	1		146	4	7		11	2	2	2	6	5	151	94	245	114	157	2	195		60	6		60		
32 Gluecksthal, W. J. Krieger			136	2	4		6	1	4		5	1	137	73	210	84	137	2	157		55	2		68		
33 Hosmer, S. D., Hosmer Chg., Hosmer, W. Grossman	1		167	6	3		9		2	3	5	4	171	79	250	113	166	3	140	13	34	12		60		
34 Neudorf, W. Grossman			68							8	8	—8	60	57	117	38	60	2	48		18	2		35		
35 Calvin, W. Grossman			46	4			4	1	8	1	10	—6	40	48	88	40	40	2	76		19	3		25		
36 Isabel, S. D., Isabel Chg., Hope (Vacant)			24	2			2					2	26									1		45		
37 Salem, Trail City, (Vacant)			10										10													
38 Leola, S. D., Drainien (Vacant) (Former Statistics)			88										88													
	5	....	1862	59	38	4	101	11	45	14	70	31	1893	800	2056	766	1138	38	1236	25	621	52	....	947	....	

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES						BENEVOLENCES					PROPERTY OF CONGREGATION			
	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonages	Amt. of Present Indebtedness on all Property
6 Fullerton, N. D., Fullerton Chg., Immanuel, E. Kaempchen	$	$	$ 580.00	$ 30.80	$ 610.80	$	$ 87.84	$	$	$	$ 87.84	$	$ 1500.00	$ 2500.00	$
7 Kulm, Kulm, E. Kaempchen			220.00	6.30	226.30		10.00				10.00				
8 Heil, N. D., Grace (Vacant) (Former Statistics)															
9 Lincoln Val., N. D., Chg., Kassel, Denhoff, F.F. Ott (Sup.)															
10 Zion, McClusky, F. F. Ott (Supply)															
11 Medina, N. D., Zoar (Vacant) (Former Statistics)															
12 Rohrbach (Vacant) (Former Statistics)															
13 Streeter, N. D., Streeter Chg., Hoffnungs (Vacant)			31.11	14.00	45.11								2500.00		
14 Frieden's (Vacant)			189.00	15.00	204.00				77.00		77.00				
15 Zion (Vacant)			304.27	25.65	329.92				154.09		154.09		1200.00		
16 Ebenfeld (Vacant)			157.00	7.00	164.00				38.00		38.00		1000.00		
17 Glaubens (Vacant)				5.00	5.00				50.00		50.00		500.00		
18 Upham, N. D., Peace, Rev. F. F. Ott															
19 Wishek, N. D., Wishek, E. Kaempchen (Supply)			392.00	17.50	409.50		100.11				100.11		1500.00	1600.00	
20 Johannestal, E. Kaempchen (Supply)			157.50	8.05	165.55		52.00				52.00		800.00		
21 Neudorf, E. Kaempchen (Supply)			192.50	11.90	204.40		71.05				71.05		800.00		
22 Zeeland, N. D., Zeeland Chg., Johannes, K. Krueger			585.00	23.45	608.45		46.85				46.85		2500.00	1500.00	
23 Neukassel, K. Krueger			345.00	13.65	358.65		20.93				20.93		500.00	1500.00	
24 Rohrbach, Greenway, S. D., K. Krueger			200.00	11.55	211.55		26.15				26.15		2000.00	1500.00	
25 Kassel, Venturia, N. D., K. Krueger			175.00	7.70	182.70		33.75				33.75		1000.00	1500.00	
26 Artas, S. D., Odessa Chg., Artas (Vac.) Former Statistics															
27 Frieden's (Vacant) Former Statistics															
28 Herried, Herried (Vacant) Former Statistics															
29 Missouri, Pollack (Vacant) Former Statistics															
30 Java, Java (Vacant) Former Statistics															
31 Eureka, S. D., Petersburg, W. J. Krieger			1091.52	51.10	1142.62	450.01	45.00		15.00		60.00		2500.00	5000.00	400.00
32 Gluecksthal, W. J. Krieger			987.50	47.60	1035.10	480.89	45.00		15.00		60.00		1500.00	5000.00	400.00
33 Hosmer, S. D., Hosmer Chg., Hosmer, W. Grossman			900.00	58.45	958.45		197.95				197.95		6000.00	5500.00	
34 Neudorf, W. Grossman			375.00	23.80	398.80		55.88				55.88		1000.00		
35 Calvin, W. Grossman			325.00	18.55	343.55		56.70				56.70		1000.00		
36 Isabel, S. D., Isabel Chg., Hope (Vacant)															
37 Salem, Trail City, (Vacant)															
38 Leola, S. D., Drainien (Vacant) (Former Statistics)															
	....	....	$ 7207.40	$ 397.05	$ 7604.45	$ 930.90	$ 849.21	....	$ 349.09	....	$ 1198.30	....	$27800.00	$25600.00	$ 800.00

California Classis, Statistical Table A, on General Information, Membership and Growth

LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Resident Pastor	Non-resident Pastor	Communicant Members reported last year	Members gained a) By Confirmation	b) By Certificate	c) By Ren'l of Confes'n	Total Gains	Members lost a) By Death	b) By Transfer	c) By Erasure	Total Losses	Net Gain or Loss	Present Communicant Membership	Baptized but not Confirmed Members	Total Communicant & Unconfirmed Membership	Members Who Communed Once	Number of Supporting Members	Communion Services	Total Number of Participants	English Services	German Services	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Sunday Church School Enrollment	Members Enrolled in Organizations, etc.	Japanese Services
1 Lodi, Cal., Salem, R. Birk	1		109	3			3	1			1	2	111	41	152	106	111	3	254	22	75	3		73	60	
2 Los Angeles, Cal., First, Edwin F. Evemeyer, D.D.	1		195	6	1		7	2		46	48	—41	154	30	184	145	125	4	410	70		5		126	25	
3 First Hungarian, Albert Hady	1		62	5		11	16		1	4	5	11	73	27	100	70	73	6	218	4		3		40	53	*57
4 Japanese, Kichisuke Suzuki			42	1			1			4	4	—3	39	22	61	30	28	4	120			2	1	38	25	52
5 San Francisco, Cal., First, Sohei Kowta	1		87	7			7	1		3	4	3	90	56	146	52	75	4	220	28		6	3	214	77	75
6 Shafter, Cal., Ebenezer, Alfred Funck	1		122	3	7		10	2			2	8	130	47	177	86	130	2	177	7	62	6		54	30	
7 West Hollywood, Cal., Trinity, Alexander W. Ogston	1		48	8			8					8	56	15	71	56	50	4	168	76				96	48	
8 West Los Angeles, Cal., Japanese, Kichisuke Suzuki	1		11										11	5	16	11	11	3	33					55		53
	7	....	676	33	8	11	52	6	1	57	64	—12	664	243	907	556	603	30	1600	207	137	25	4	696	318	180 *57

* Hungarian Services, 57.

Statistical Table B, on Congregational Giving and Property Value

LOCATION—NAME OF CHURCH—PASTOR	Debt Reduction	Interest on Debt	Current Expenses	Contingent Funds of Judicatories	Total Congregational Expenses	Amount of Budget or Apportionment	Paid on Budget or Apportionment	Special Contributions Toward Budget or Apportionment	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside the Denomination	Total Benevolences	Value of New Buildings Erected	Present Value of Church Buildings and Real Estate	Value of Parsonages	Amt. of Present Indebtedness on all Property
1 Lodi, Cal., Salem, R. Birk			1642.08	49.05	1691.13	426.19	262.20				262.20		3500.00	3000.00	
2 Los Angeles, Cal., First, Edwin F. Evemeyer, D.D.	2375.63	725.23	3452.48	87.75	6641.09	762.45	183.50	197.78	421.63		802.91		85000.00		12424.37
3 First Hungarian, Albert Hady	50.00	50.00	2263.00	27.90	2390.90	242.42	82.20		67.50	10.00	159.70		14000.00		8300.00
4 Japanese, Kichisuke Suzuki			954.45	18.90	973.35	164.22	41.10	5.00			46.10		20000.00		
5 San Francisco, Cal., First, Sohei Kowta			2350.00	39.10	2389.10	346.17	175.00		24.00		199.00		55000.00		
6 Shafter, Cal., Ebenezer, Alfred Funck			1664.81	54.90	1719.71	477.02	336.00		6.00	44.00	386.00		5500.00	4500.00	
7 West Hollywood, Cal., Trinity, Alexander W. Ogston	91.85		925.00	21.60	1038.45	187.68	83.35	75.00			158.35		14000.00		9060.65
8 West Los Angeles, Cal., Japanese, Kichisuke Suzuki			358.52	4.95	363.47	43.01	50.51	20.00			70.51				
	$2517.48	$ 775.23	$13610.34	$ 304.15	$17207.20	$ 2649.16	$ 1213.86	$ 297.78	$ 519.13	$ 54.00	$ 2084.77	....	197000.00	$ 7500.00	$29785.02

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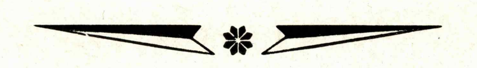
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Geschäftsordnung und Programm

der

Synode des Nordwestens 1937.

Dienstag, den 24. August, abends ½8 Uhr:

I. Eröffnungsgottesdienst:—
  a. Predigt vom Präsidenten.

II. Organisation der Synode:—
  a. Eröffnung der Geschäftssitzung.
  b. Registrationsbericht.
  c. Wahl des Präsidenten und Vizepräsidenten.
  d. Annahme der Geschäftsordnung und Bekanntmachungen.

Mittwoch, den 25. August:

8:30 A.M. Andacht und Vorbereitungsliturgie.
9:30—11:30 A.M. — Geschäfte:—
  1. Registrationsbericht.
  2. Verlesung des Protokolls.

III. Vollendung der Organisation:—
  a. Schranken des Hauses.
  b. Wahl des Korr. Schreibers und Schatzmeisters.

IV. Ernennung der Ausschüsse:—

V. Uebergabe des Blaubuches und anderer Dokumente und deren Verweisung.

VI. Berichte der Beamten:—
  1. Bericht des Präsidenten (Religionsbericht) und Gedächtnisfeier.
  2.—a. Bericht des Ständigen Schreibers.
    b. Bericht des Schatzmeisters.
    c. Bericht der Trusteebehörde. (Exekutivbeamten.)
    d. Bericht des Archiv-Ausschusses.

VII. Mitteilung der Exekutive der Generalsynode.

VIII. Berichte der Ausschüsse:—
  1. Synodalverhandlungen:
    a. Generalsynode.
    b. Distriktsynode.
  2. Schriftliche Eingaben.
  11:30—2:00 P.M. — Mittagspause.
  2:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M. — Geschäfte:—
    1. Das von der Synode angeordnete Referat.
    2. Mitteilungen der Vertreter der Behörden.
    3. Schriftliche Eingaben, Fortsetzung.
  7:30 P.M. — Gottesdienst.

Donnerstag, den 26. August:

8:30 A.M. — Abendmahlsfeier.
9:00—11:30 A.M. — Geschäfte:—
  1. Registrationsbericht und Verlesung des Protokolls.
  2. Schriftliche Eingaben, Fortsetzung.
  3. Klassikalverhandlungen.
11:30A.M.—2:00 P.M. — Mittagspause.

2:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M. — Geschäfte:—
1. Konferenz über Erziehungsfragen.
2. Bericht über Nominationen.
3. Bericht über Gottesdienste.
4. Bericht über Studentenunterstützung.
5. Bericht über Lehranstalten.

7:30 P.M. — Gottesdienst.

Freitag, den 27. August:

8:30 A.M. — Andacht.

IX. Geschäfte:— 8:15—11:30 A.M.
1. Registrationsbericht und Verlesung des Protokolls.
2. Wahl der Behördeglieder.
3. Bericht über Reisevergütung.
4. Bericht über Christliche Erziehung.
5. Bericht über Mission und Kirchbaufonds.

11:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M. — Mittagspause.

2:00 P.M.—5:30 P. M. — Geschäfte:—
1. Konferenzen über Haushalterschaft.
2. Bericht über Wohlfahrtsdienst. (Waisenhaus, Altenheim und andere wohltätige Anstalten.)
3. Bericht über Predigerversorgung.
4. Publikation und Verlagshaus.

7:30 P.M. — Alumnenversammlung.

Samstag, den 28. August:

8:30 A.M. — Morgenandacht.

9:00—11:30 A.M. — Geschäfte:—
1. Registrationsbericht und Verlesung des Protokolls.
2. Bericht über Wahlen.
3. Bericht über Haushalterschaft.
4. Bericht über Finanzen und Wahl des Schatzmeisters.
5. Bericht über Evangelisation.
6. Bericht des Ausschusses über Männerliga and Besprechung.
7. Bericht des Ausschusses über Frauenmissionsverein.

11:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M. — Mittagspause.

2:00 P.M.—Schluß: Geschäfte:—
1. Berichte der Spezialausschüsse.
2. Unerledigte Berichte der ständigen Ausschüsse.
   a. Ratgebende Glieder.
   b. Entschuldigungen.
   c. Presse.

X. Verschiedenes:—
1. Dankesbeschlüsse. (Bericht des Ausschusses.)
2. Zeit und Ort der nächsten Sitzung.
3. Etwaige andere Beschlüsse.
4. Aufräumung und Schluß.

XI. Vertagung:—
1. Verlesung des Protokolls.
2. Letzte Registration.
3. Annahme des Protokolls.
4. Vertagung.

Sonntag, den 29. August:

75. Jubiläumsfest des Missionshauses: Gottesdienste in beiden Sprachen.

(Nähere Angaben über die Gottesdienste werden bei der Sitzung der Synode gemacht.)

Exhibit I

THE MISSION HOUSE

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Mission House

To the Reverend Ohio Synod.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: By the grace of God we have been permitted to carry on through another year the work of Christian training of the young people entrusted into our care.

The year 1937 marks the seventy-fifth mile stone in the history of our school. In its beginning the Mission House trained lay-preachers. Through the years this school has developed so that now we have three units: seminary, college, and academy. Both academy and college are preparatory to the theological seminary. The founders of the school provided for a three-fold classification of students: first, those in training for the Christian ministry. Through a period of seventy-five years the school has each year sent out several young men into the active ministry. Graduates of our institution are located in twenty-three states of the Union, in Canada, Germany, China, and Japan. Four young men are finishing their theological course this spring with Bachelor of Theology degree. Three of these are from the E Group. In the second place, provision was made for students who have in mind vocations other than the ministry. This class of students has been drawn to our institution especially during the last few years with marked results. The curriculum has been enlarged to meet such demands. A co-educational program has, therefore, become a necessity. The newly-developed program is, however, in keeping with the spirit of the founders, who stressed the teaching of the Christian religion as an integral part of a unified view of life. While a number of students complete the four years of college work, yet there are those who enroll in the pre-law, pre-medic, and pre-nursing courses, and transfer to other institution. Students in Education continue with us throughout the full term and are granted a teachers' certificate by the State department of Education. Graduates with a standing not lower than B are admitted to the graduate schools of the University of Wisconsin. At present fifteen students are seeking higher degrees at the state University. Credits are transferred at par not only to our state university, but to the Universities of Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, South and North Dakota, Oregon, and California. Twenty-two will receive their Bachelor of Arts degrees this coming June, and there are eleven graduates of the academy, making a total of thirty-seven in the three units.

The results thus achieved are due to the untiring efforts put forth by our president, Dr. Paul Grosshuesch, who, with the cooperation of the faculty, has stressed Christian Education before congregations, young people's groups, and brotherhoods, both in the immediate vicinity and

throughout the church where opportunity presented itself. Our seminary professors carried excess hours because of the vacancy in the department of Practical Theology, but this situation will be relieved through the coming of the newly-elected professor, Rev. E. Fledderjohn of Chicago, who will be inducted into office May thirtieth of this year.

With regard to the material end of the management in the life of our school, we feel that we are fortunate in having a housemother who has very successfully and satisfactorily met all requirements of the large Mission House family. We can assure Synod that the school is being operated very economically.

We are grateful to Synod for its support of the past year. Even with the most economical management, however, a gift of twenty-seven cents ($.27) per member is a most welcome and needed contribution to our treasury. May we again ask Synod to encourage all classes to contribute this small amount in full.

The school year of 1937-1938 is to begin on September sixth at 1:30 P.M. and to close May 30, 1938.

We call Synod's attention to the fact that the time of service of Elder Edwin C. Holl as Mission House Board member expires with this year's meeting.

May the Lord bless the efforts of our United Church in the field of Christian education is the wish and prayer of

Your humble servants,

E. L. Worthman, President of the Board of Trustees.
C. J. G. Russom, President of the Board of Visitors.

May 18, 1937

The Board of Trustees of The Mission House herewith presents to the participating Synods the following report on Income and Expense for the fiscal year, beginning May 1, 1936, and ending April 30, 1937; also the Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1937. These statements were prepared for the Board by Wesley W. Jung, Public Accountant and Auditor, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

"I will be pleased to furnish any further information you may desire in connection with these statements."—Wesley W. Jung

E. L. WORTHMAN, *President*
of the Board of Trustees

May 14, 1937

To the President and the Board of the Mission House
of the Reformed Church in the United States,
Plymouth, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to engagement, I have completed the work of preparing financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1937, and now submit my report herewith in the form of the following statements:

Statement Number	*Title*
1	Balance sheet of April 30, 1937
2	Statement of income and expense for the year ended April 30, 1937.

I will be pleased to furnish any further information you may desire in connection with these statements.

Respectfully submitted,
WESLEY W. JUNG

Balance Sheet of April 30, 1937

ASSETS

Current			
Cash on hand and in banks		$ 2,351.66	
Notes receivable		6,523.04	
Book store		2,761.43	
Live stock		907.63	
Marketable securities at cost	60,639.65		
Provision for decline in market value	23,100.00	37,539.65	
			50,083.41

Non-current	*Gross Value*	*Reserve for Depreciation*	*Net Value*
Land	7,283.00		7,283.00
Campus improvements	1,701.79		1,701.79
Buildings	337,150.33	148,481.21	188,669.12
Equipment	58,579.94	20,609.65	37,970.29
	404,715.06	169,090.86	235,624.20

Unexpired insurance		1,810.81	
Accrued interest receivable		1,432.12	238,867.13
Total assets			$288,950.54

EQUITIES

Current liabilities			
Unsecured notes payable to			
Bank	$12,861.66		
Others	15,360.37	28,222.03	
Accrued interest payable on above		433.53	28,655.56
Accountabilities			
Central Synod Prize fund		500.00	
Professor's fund		75,857.83	
Practical Theology fund		11,927.24	
Alumni funds		706.48	
Exegesis fund		140.98	
Stadtlaender, special contract		660.60	
Chapel Library fund		2,629.72	
Twenty Thousand Dollar fund		14,810.85	
Professor Wentz prize fund		500.00	
Melioratio fund		250.02	
Eastern Synod fund		1,337.93	
Music fund		5,619.99	
Annuity fund		2,600.00	
			117,541.64
Corporate equity			
Unclassified funds or net worth			142,753.34
Total equities			$288,950.54

Statement of Income and Expense

For the year ended April 30, 1937

Income		
Anniversary fund	$ 700.00	
Farm income	317.49	
Interest income	2,391.17	
Laundry	213.23	
Income from meals	276.64	
School money	35,510.03	
Synod of the Northwest	8,376.63	
Ohio Synod	7,247.80	
Synod of the East	1,269.31	
Synod of the Mid-West	4,134.88	
Transportation	503.65	
Various sources	2,113.25	
Various persons	429.50	
Total income		$63,483.58
Expense		
Athletic department	652.91	
Auto expense	1,712.45	
Advertising	691.27	
Coal expense	3,895.99	
Campus expense	20.42	
College building expense	280.53	
Dormitory supplies and expense	369.70	

Dwellings expense	485.35
Electric light and heat	1,100.48
Electrical supplies	2.50
Engine room expense	277.13
Farm expense	963.36
Freight and express	40.16
General supplies	799.51
Gymnasium expense	85.59
Girls' dormitory supplies and expense	96.11
Hospital room expense	17.87
Interest expense	2,502.29
Insurance	1,512.27
Kitchen supplies	486.24
Laboratory supplies and expense	786.57
Library supplies and expense	14.85
Miscellaneous expense	378.29
Office supplies and expense	473.15
Provisions	6,958.51
Postage	282.21
Salaries	26,598.37
School expense	403.08
Student payroll	706.32
Travel — board	51.29
Travel — president and officials	361.48
Telephone and telegraph	90.88
Wages	4,012.45

Total expense excluding depreciation	57,109.58
Net income before provision for depreciation of buildings and equipment	6,374.00
Depreciation of buildings and equipment	7,397.53
Net loss after provision for depreciation	$ 1,023.53

The following securities are on deposit with the Bank of Sheboygan, Agent, Mission House.

STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 1937

$1000	Associated Electric Company 5% Gold Bond, due Jan. 1, 1961.
$ 500	City of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 4½% Manitowoc School Bond, due January 1, 1941.
$2000	Gary Electric and Gas So. 5% First Lien Collateral Gold Bonds, Series "A," due July 1, 1944.
$2000	Interstate Power Company 5% First Mortgage Gold Bonds, due January 1, 1957.
$1000	Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie R. R. Co., 5½% First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series "B," due July 1, 1978.
$2000	Missouri-Illinois R. R. Co. 5% First Mortgage Bonds, Series "A" due January 1, 1959.
$2000	Montana-Dakota Power Co. 5½% First Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series of 1929, due January 1, 1944.
$1000	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company 5% First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A," due January 1, 1978.
$1000	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company 5% First Mortgage Sinking Fund Bond, due April 1, 1970.
$1000	Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co. 5% First & Ref. Mtg. Bonds, due February 1, 1951.

$1000 Central Public Utility Corp. 5½% Twenty Year Income Bonds, due August 1, 1952.

$ 800 Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R. R. 5% 50 Year Mtg. Gold Bonds, Series "A," due February 1, 1975.

$1000 International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. 5% 25 Year Coupon Gold Debenture Bond, due February 1, 1955.

$2000 Southwestern Light & Power Co. 5% First Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series "A," due February 1, 1957.

$1000 Associated Gas and Electric Co. 4% Gold Debentures, due March 15, 1983.

$1000 Commonwealth Subsidiary Corp. 5½% Gold Debentures, Series "A," due September 1, 1948.

$2000 Community Power and Light Co., 5% First Mortgage Gold Coll. Bonds, 30 year series of 1957, due March 1, 1957.

$1500 Associated Gas and Electric Co. 5% Gold Debenture Bonds, Con. Ref. Series, due October 1, 1968.

$3200 Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R. R. 5% Conv. Adjustment Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series "A," due January 1, 2000.

$2000 Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. R. 4% First & Ref. Mtg. Gold Bonds, due April 1, 1934.

$1000 Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. 5% First & Ref. Mtg. Gold Bonds, Series "H," due April 1, 1980.

$1000 New York Central R. R. Co. 4½% Series "A" Ref. & Improvement Mtg. Bond, due October 1, 2013.

$ 500 Southern Union Gas Company 5½% First and Ref. Bond, Series "I," due April 1, 1945. Also Temporary Stock Warrant for 12 shares of stock.

$ 500 Southern Union Gas Company 5½% First & Refunding Income Bond, Series II, due April 1, 1939.

$67.50 Southern Union Gas Company 6% Script Certificate, due February 1, 1939.

$2000 West Texas Utilities Company 5% First Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series "A," due October 1, 1957.

$3000 Chicago and Northwestern R. R. Co. 4¾% 20 Year Conv. Gold Bonds, Series "A," due November 1, 1949.

$2000 Cities Service Company 5% Gold Debentures, due Nov. 1, 1963.

$2000 First Presbyterian Church of Kiel 2% First Mortgage Bonds, due May 1, 1941.

$5000 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. 5% General Consolidated Mtg. Gold Bonds, due May 1, 2003.

$1000 Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. 5% First and Refunding Mtg. Gold Bond, Series "G," due November 1, 1978.

$1000 New England Gas & Electric Corp. 5% Conv. Gold Debenture Bond, due May 1, 1950.

$1000 Abitibi Power and Paper Corp. 5% First Mtg. Gold Bond, Series "A," due June 1, 1953.

$1500 Illinois Power and Light Corp. 5% First and Ref. Mtg. Gold Bonds, Series "C," due December 1, 1956.

$3000 International Securities Corp. of Am. Gold Debenture, 5%, due June 1, 1947.

STOCKS

96 sh	Middle West Corporation—common and 18/100 shares scrip, $5 par
16 sh	American Druggists' Fire Ins. Co. Common Stock, $25 par
20 sh	Central Utility Corp. Common Stock, $1.00 par
30 sh	Gary Electric and Gas Co. Common Stock, no par
3 sh	Rudolph Karstedt, Inc. Capital Stock, no par
32 sh	National Gas and Elec. Corp. Common Stock, $10 par
2 sh	Portland Electric Power Co. First Preferred Stock, no par

NOTES

$3500	Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Note dated October 3, 1919, due in one year, at 6%.
$ 800	Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Note dated May 10, 1920, due on demand, at 6%.
$ 750	Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Note dated November 19, 1920, due on demand, at 6%.
$1000	Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Note dated January 24, 1921, due on demand, at 6%.

The following securities are on deposit with the Citizens State Bank of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

$1000	Eastern Gas and Fuel, 4's, First Mtg. and Coll. Trust @ 93-½, due March 1, 1956.
15 sh	Bank of Manhattan Company @ 36-⅛.

Exhibit II

HOME MISSIONS

Annual Report of the Department of the Northwest of the Board of Home Missions

of the Reformed Church in the United States (Evangelical and Reformed Church) to the Synod of the Northwest, the Ohio Synod, and the Synod of the Mid-West.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: In submitting this annual report, your board gratefully acknowledges the gracious care and guidance our Father has extended over us hitherto. A mighty work is committed to us. His Work! We are called to be instruments through whom he desires to increase His Kingdom. His words, "Lo, I am with you alway" give us new courage and hope.

We appreciate the moral support of the church at large, and the keen interest and financial support of the W.M.S.G.S.

Personnel and Officers

of our Department Board consists of the Revs. E. H. Vornholt, A. G. Schmid, and P. Grosshuesch, D.D., of the Synod of the Northwest; Revs. E. A. Kielsmeier, D.D., R. J. Schroer, and John Gieser of the Ohio Synod; Revs. E. N. Evans, H. W. Haberkamp, and Elder H. C. Young of the Synod of the Mid-West. The Rev. T. P. Bolliger, D.D., Superintendent of the Department, represents the Board of Home Missions; and Miss Helen Nott, the W.M.S.G.S.

The Department organized at the October meeting by electing the Revs. H. W. Haberkamp, President; A. G. Schmid, Vice-President; E. A. Kielsmeier, recording Secretary; and E. H. Vornholt, Treasurer. Four meetings were held during the year; three times the executive committee met and once the full Board.

Our Faithful Workers

THE SUPERINTENDENT has entered his eighteenth year of supervising this vast Mission field. He attended to his manifold routine duties and brought a very complete report of his activities to each Department meeting. During this past year his trips, traveling 16,475 miles, in the interest of your Board, were confined to the territory between Ohio and the Dakotas. He took part in 46 congregational meetings and gatherings of various kinds, delivering 47 sermons and addresses. In addition to this, he has given the latest information relative to our work among the Winnebagoes to the "E" Group, and has written articles for the Outlook and Kirchenzeitung. Dr. Bolliger is our faithful custodian of all our insurance policies and documents pertaining to our loans. His competency and faithful service is gratefully recognized by your Board.

OUR MISSIONARIES have experienced some trying situations during the past year. The first three months were the coldest, and all records for sub-zero weather were broken. Then, during the Summer months, all existing records for drought and heat were broken. But even such situations did not seem to have seriously affected the work of the church.

Our Missionaries are carrying on our work most heroically by putting forth strenuous efforts in holding the fort during these trying days. They are grateful for the gifts rceived from the church at large, and yearn for the prayers or God's people, for courage and strength to carry on the mighty work for the Master.

RESIGNATIONS: Revs. G. Gaiser, Medina, N.D., E. F. Franz, Appleton, Wis., F. W. Lemke, Watertown, Wis., H. K. Hartman, Curtis, Wis., R. A. Most, Fountain City, Wis., C. F. Wichser, Rice Lake, Wis., William Korn, Vegreville, Alta., Canada.

The Charges at Loveland, Colo., Quincy, Wash., and Rupert, Idaho, are being supplied by the "E" Group. Some of the vacant congregations are supplied by neighboring pastors. Others are referred to Classis for re-alinement of congregations in their area.

Louisville, Ky., Lynnhurst went to self-support, December 31, 1936. This act is highly commendable, and we appreciate the fine work that has been accomplished.

Church Erection Fund

The number of Memorial Church Erection Funds have been increased by two during the past year:

Fund No. 92 was given by Mrs. Caroline Schaub of the First Church of Canton, Ohio, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Katherine Delp. This is a noble example of a daughter's devotion to the memory of her mother, nearly thirty years after her death.

Fund No. 93. The Frederick Mayer Fund, given by his Family. Dr. Mayer had a record of nearly thirty years of continuous service as a member of the Board of Home Missions and Church Erection Fund. He was serving as president of this Department when he died.

The Report of the Treasurer shows other contributions: $904.64 from the Classes in the Northwest Synod, and $3,088.00 on repayment by congregations.

The Department has granted and sent a Loan of $12,000 to Portland, Oregon, for the first unit of the new building at Second Church. No other building projects are on hand at the present, but requests for aid have come to our attention. With repayment of Loans and additional gifts we hope to grant some of these urgent requests.

Our Loans, amounting to $208,466.00 are invested in 34 projects secured by 43 Mortgages. Greenwood, Wis., has paid its last note eighteen months before it was due. This is only the second time in a dozen years that such a thing has happened. This Congregation and Pastor are to be commended. Only eleven charges have made any repayments during the year. A special effort and an earnest endeavour should be made by all

congregations to make repayments, if not in full, as per contract, at least in part.

Winnebago Indian Mission in Wisconsin

CONGREGATION near Black River Falls.

Thirty-nine years ago the first four converts among the Winnebago were won. All four are still living and active in the work. Mr. Stacy, Elder and Evangelist, was one of these four. He and his wife and family are a mighty force in our work there. His son, Lic. Alvin Stacy, with the assistance of several other young folks, is conducting the Sunday School. It supplies the only religious instruction the Indian children, in that section, receive. He is also conducting a small Catechetical Class of several young folks preparing them for church membership.

Numerically the growth of the congregation is practically at a standstill. Now and then new members are added. This year a rare joy came to Rev. Stucki and his faithful helpers, when a homeless invalid woman eighty years of age was received into church membership by confession of faith. The seed sown will eventually bring the promised fruit. As these faithful servants continue to labor on in this our field, may we show our appreciation with our fervent prayers and gifts

THE SCHOOL AT NEILLSVILLE

The following item from the Superintendent's report is a challenge to our church to support and pray for this missionary agency: "Some statistics with reference to the present enrollment are of interest. Of the hundred and eleven children, there are sixty girls and fifty-one boys. Twenty-seven have never attended our school before. Forty-four families are represented. Of these only six are Christian, the rest still being pagan. Twenty-three of the children are baptized, three of them communicant church members. Ninety children, including two of the three confirmed members, thus come to our Christian mission school from homes still largely dominated by pagan practices and beliefs. What a challenge this is for us who have received the light, to let our light shine."

Rather extensive repairs and alterations have been made on the property.

Government specialists gave needed attention to the children, and a number of minor operations were performed.

The health of the staff and the pupils upon the whole was good during the greater part of the year. However there was, as the superintendent reports, "an epidemic of "Flu" and Pneumonia. Up until Christmas every one was enjoying the best of health. Then of a sudden it came. Almost every one of the school children, every member of my own family except myself, and an indispensable share of the workers were down in bed at almost one and the same time. For weeks every one able to be up was busy day and night, nursing the sick and doing the multitudinous things that simply had to be done. The sick are now mostly recovered and the Pneumonia patients out of danger, for which we thank God."

We are especially grateful for the financial support of the W.M.S. G.S., for without this support the work could not succeed.

Recommendations

Your Board of the Department of the Northwest of the Board of Home Missions begs leave to submit to your earnest consideration and favorable action the following items:

1. The Board of Home Missions has during the last few years made very strenuous efforts to improve its financial condition by special drives, the 20,000 Club, reductions in Appropriations, etc. In view of this fact every congregation is urged to put forth a very earnest effort to pay the apportionment in full, and thus be relieved of further specials.

2. That Congregations, which as yet have not adopted the Apportionment system, nor introduced the weekly offering for Missions, make a special effort on Easter and at Mission Festivals to contribute an amount equal to the apportionment.

3. That the Church Erection Fund of this Department be remembered with an offering on Pentecost, the goal being 10 cts. per member; or by placing this amount in the regular apportionment. Church Organizations and members are challenged to create $500 Memorial Funds.

Expiration of Term of Office

The Members of the Board of the Department of the Northwest whose terms of office expire this year are:

Rev. A. Geo. Schmid of the Synod of the Northwest,
Rev. E. A. Kielsmeier of the Ohio Synod,
Rev. H. W. Haberkamp of the Synod of the Mid-West.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. HABERKAMP, President.

Report of the Department of the Northwest

of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

From January 1, 1936 *to December* 31, 1936.

Receipts

Balance on hand, January 1, 1936	$ 00.00	
		$ 00.00
Released by First National Bank, Neillsville, Wis.	24.35	
Personal Gifts	2.50	
One legacy	100.00	
		126.85
From Classes in Synod of the Northwest:		
Sheboygan	$3,742.03	
Milwaukee	2,727.26	
Nebraska	180.56	
Ursinus	315.00	
South Dakota	161.90	
Portland-Oregon	449.80	
Eureka	74.00	
North Dakota	211.49	
West Canada	307.40	
California	338.61	
		8,508.05
Special Contributions:		
Sheboygan Classis		
Back Salaries	67.60	
Milwaukee Classis		
Home Mission Day (1935)	448.58	
Back Salaries	56.00	
20,000 Club	488.83	
West Canada Classis		
Home Mission Day	4.60	
		1,065.61
Total Receipts		$9,700.51

Disbursements

To Church Erection Fund:		
California Classis	0.90	
Exchange on Canada Check	0.15	
Rev. Wm. F. De Long, Treas. of Board	9,699.46	
Total Disbursements		$9,700.51

Total Receipts	$9,700.51	
Total Disbursements	9,700.51	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1936		$ 00.00
Note: The amount still in the First National Bank, Neillsville, Wis.		$ 60.88

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, March 8, 1937.

OTTO J. VRIESEN.
E. H. OPPERMAN.
WM. L. SPREITER.
Auditing Committee.

INDIAN MISSION WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHWEST

From January 1, 1936, *to December* 31, 1936.

Receipts

Balance on hand, January 1, 1936	$ 00.00	
		$ 00.00
Ladies' Aid, S.S. Classes, Young People's Socities, etc.	924.52	
Personal Gifts from Friends	454.00	
Sales of Farm Products, Live Stock, etc.	1,291.94	
Refunds on Freight, Insurance, etc.	38.97	
		2,709.43
W.M.S.G.S., G.M.G., Mission Bands	15,810.94	
Special Gifts for Refrigerator	47.61	
		15,858.55
Classes in Synod of the Northwest:		
Sheboygan	863.98	
Milwaukee	326.65	
Minnesota	282.75	
Nebraska	7.51	
Ursinus	15.00	
South Dakota	20.15	
Portland-Oregon	23.38	
Eureka	32.18	
West Canada	5.00	
California	46.36	
		1,622.96
Total Receipts		$20,190.94

Restatement of Receipts:

Lad. Aid, S. S., etc.	$ 924.52	
Personal Gifts	454.00	
Sales	1,291.94	
Refunds	38.97	
W.M.S., G.M.G., M.B.	15,858.55	
Classes in N. W. Synod	1,622.96	
Total Receipts		$20,190.94

Disbursements

To E. H. Vornholt, Treasurer of Indian School	$19,564.98
Balance on hand December 31, 1936	625.96
	$20,190.94

Note: The First National Bank, Neillsville paid 10% on the amount tied up there which is included under "Various Receipts" and amounted to $10.90 which leaves the balance still there $27.28.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, March 8, 1937.

OTTO J. VRIESEN.
E. H. OPPERMAN.
WM. L. SPREITER.
Auditing Committee.

WINNEBAGO INDIAN MISSION AND SCHOOL, BLACK RIVER FALLS AND NEILLSVILLE, WISCONSIN

Financial Statement for the Year

January 1, 1936 *to December* 31, 1936.

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1936	$ 382.77	
Equipment Fund, transferred	692.00	
Road and Sidewalk Fund, transferred	227.02	
Treasurer of Department of North-West	19,564.98	
Total Receipts		$20,866.77

Disbursements

Salaries and Wages:

Rev. Benj. Stucki, (W.M.S. grant)	$1,472.96	
Mr. John Stacy, (W.M.S. grant)	825.00	
David Decorah, Preaching	25.00	
Teachers' Salaries	2,041.16	
Secretary	544.00	
Wages for Household help	1,848.48	
Farm Manager and Janitor	1,266.30	
E. H. Vornholt, treasurer	100.00	
Total Salaries and Wages		$8,122.90

Freight, Express and Parcels Post, Postage	$ 907.42
Office Supplies, Telephone, P.O. Box Rent	85.98
School Supplies	208.69
Sanitary Supplies	137.24
Medical Services and Supplies	302.69
Household Supplies	191.12
Electric Power and Light	908.32
Water Rent and Ice	399.91
Fuel, (heating, laundry, cooking)	912.64
Truck (repairs, license, tires)	45.29
Equipment, Repairs and Replacements	987.53
Clothing, Shoes and Repairs	343.64
Clothing, Book-rent (High School Students)	46.93

Provisions	2,651.77
Farm, Feed and Livestock	1,218.83
Insurance (Fire, Cyclone, Workman's)	989.89
Taxes	87.90
Travel	22.27
Interest on Annuity Bonds	62.00
Interest to Banks on loans by Board	225.50
Repayment on debt to Church Erection Fund	500.00
Gas and Oil	166.15
Buildings improved on Richmond Farm	409.55
Superintendent's house, insulated and repaired	602.83
Appraisel of Buildings (for reduced insurance)	125.00
Rev. Benj. Stucki's Cash Account	100.00
Indian Committee expenses	36.40
Various expenses (Piano tuning, master keys, etc.)	51.95
Rev. Wm. F. De Long, Treas. of Board	10.00
	12,737.44
Total Disbursements	$20,860.34

Total Receipts	$20,866.77
Total Disbursements	20,860.34
Balance on hand, December 31, 1936	$ 6.43

Note: 1. Rev. Benj. Stucki's Account is now $200.00.

2. The Equipment Fund of $692.00 was transferred to Current Account and used for the Superintendent's house and improvement of Richmond buildings.

3. The Road and Sidewalk Fund:
Balance on hand January 1, 1936, $227.02. This amount was temporarily transferred to Current expense account, but is again on hand, Jan. 6, 1937.

4. Refrigerator Fund:
Received and on hand Dec. 31, 1936 $47.61

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, March 8, 1937.

Auditing Committee:

OTTO J. VRIESEN.
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CHURCH ERECTION FUND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHWEST

From January 1, 1936 *to December* 31, 1936.

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1936		$ 4,779.68
Savings Account		5,000.00
Interest:		
Savings Account	$ 58.42	
Bonds	12.85	

Brodhead, Wis.	30.88	
Edmonton, Canada	177.00	
		279.15
Rent for Iowa Farm	300.00	
Refund of tax on Iowa Farm	14.98	
		314.98
Ten per Cent release by First National Bank		9.00
Katharine Delp, Memorial Fund No. 92		500.00

Classes in Synod of Northwest:

Sheboygan	$406.01	
Milwaukee	266.78	
Minnesota	85.35	
Nebraska	25.04	
Ursinus	66.21	
South Dakota	6.65	
Portland-Oregon	21.30	
West Canada	25.30	
California	2.00	
		904.64

Repayments by Congregations:

Belleville, Wis.	$300.00	
Broadhead, Wis.	198.00	
Edmonton, Canada	260.00	
Greenwood, Wis.	200.00	
Indianapolis, Ind., Trinity	240.00	
Indian School, Neillsville	500.00	
Miller, South Dakota	80.00	
Milton Ave., Louisville, Ky.	750.00	
Verona, Wis.	300.00	
Waubeka, Wis.	100.00	
Winnipeg, Canada, Zion	160.00	
		3,088.00
Total Receipts		$14,875.45

Summary of Receipts:

Balance on hand and Savings Account	$9,779.68	
Interest received	279.15	
Rent and Tax refund, Iowa Farm,	314.98	
Released by First Nat'l Bank, Neillsville	9.00	
Katharine Delp, Memorial Fund	500.00	
Classes in North West Synod	904.64	
Repayments by Congregations	3,088.00	
Total Receipts		$14,875.45

Disbursements

Exchange on Canada checks, Drafts, Notary Public	$ 3.13
Interest on Annuity Bond	30.00
Trip to Iowa Farm, Safety Box Rent	31.60
Tax on Farm	69.90
Attorney Fees, (Roy Heggestad)	50.00
Department Meeting expenses	160.06

Salaries:

Secretary	12.50	
President	12.50	
Treasurer	100.00	
Loan to Second Ref. Church Portland, Oregon	12,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$12,469.69
Total Receipts	$14,875.45	
Total Disbursements	12,469.69	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1936		$ 2,405.76
Cash in bank	$2,405.76	
Tied up in Bonds	1,100.00	
Total		$ 3,505.76

Note: There is still an amount of $22.61 in the First National Bank at Neillsville, Wis.

Other Assets of Church Erection Fund, loaned to Congregations:

Appleton, Wis.	$ 3,000.00	
Belleville, Wis.	5,400.00	
Brodhead, Wis.	316.66	
Chicago, St. Thomas	6,700.00	
Chicago, First	7,000.00	
Edmonton, Canada	326.00	
Fairfax, South Dakota	200.00	
Flint, Mich.	2,775.00	
Indianapolis, Ind., Trinity	16,310.00	
Indianapolis, Ind., Pleasant Run Blvd.	18,000.00	
Indian School, Neillsville, Wis.	9,735.96	
Kohler, Wis., Grace	24,500.00	
Lakewood, Ohio	3,300.00	
Leola, South Dakota	1,450.00	
Louisville, Ky., Milton Ave.	7,750.00	
Loveland, Colo.	1,640.00	
Madison, Wis., Memorial	23,350.00	
Medina, North Dakota	1,000.00	
Miller, South Dakota	1,820.75	
Milwaukee, Wis., Immanuel	5,300.00	
Neudorf, Canada	100.00	
Piqua, Ohio, First	12,400.00	
Piapot, Canada	575.00	
Porterfield, Wis.	1,400.00	
Portland, Oregon, Second	15,100.00	
Sheboygan, Wis., Ebenezer	15.000.00	
Sheboygan, Wis., St. Paul's	12,000.00	
Toledo, Ohio, Memorial,	7,800.00	
Verona, Wis.	1,000.00	
Wabasha, Minn., Trinity	500.00	
Waubeka, Wis.	500.00	
Winnipeg, Canada, Salem	637.00	
Winnipeg, Canada, Zion	1,479.63	
Wolseley, Canada	100.00	
Total loaned to Congregations		$208.466.00

Balance Cash in Bank, Dec. 31, 1936	$ 2,405.76
Invested in Bonds	1,100.00

Tied up in First National Bank 22.61
Loaned to Congregations 208,466.00

Total Resources of the Fund $211.994.37

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, March 8, 1937.

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Church Erection Funds

The funds are given in the order in which they were promised. The date indicates when they were completed.

1. The Christian Endeavor Fund of Central Synod. Contributed by the societies of the Synod. Completed 1905....$ 500.00
2. The Waukon, Iowa, Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School of the Zion's Congregation. 1914.............. 500.00
3. The Justus Norwig Fund. Contributed by Justus Norwig of Wolseley, Sask., as a Thank Offering to God. 1910.. 500.00
4. The Herman Marcus Fund. Contributed by his children as a memorial to their father. 1910..................... 500.00
5. The Canton, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School, 1914................................ 500.00
6. The Philip and Susanna Steinhage Fund. Given in memory of her parents by the daughter, Mrs. H. H. Kattmann, Wausau, Wis. 1914 .... 500.00
7. The New Knoxville, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1912 .... 500.00
8. The Toledo, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1915 .... 500.00
9. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. Given as a Jubilee Thank Offering on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society. No. 1. 1911 .... 500.00
10. The M. G. I. Stern Fund. Contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society of the St. John's Church, Indianapolis, Ind., in memory of Dr. Stern, who served the congregation for many years, and also rendered valuable service as a member of the German Board of Home Missions. 1911 500.00
11. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund, No. 2. 1912..................... 500.00
12. The Sheboygan, Wis., Zion's Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1917.......................... 500.00
13. The Barbara Hamilton Fund. A legacy left by Mrs. Barbara Hamilton, Helvetia, W. Va. 1912................. 500.00
14. The Margaret Koch Fund. Given in memory of their mother by her children, of Sandusky, Ohio. 1912............ 500.00
15. The Jacob C. Siekmeier Fund. Given by Mrs. Hannah Siekmeier, Waukon, Ia., in memory of her husband. 1912.. 500.00
16. The Norwood, Ohio, Zion's Church Fund. Given by the Sunday School of the Zion's Church. 1923.............. 500.00
17. The Cincinnati, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Gemeinde Missions Verein. 1917.................. 500.00
18. The Portland, Oregon, Second Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation and the Ladies' Aid Society. 1913 600.00

19. The Portland, Oregon, First Church Fund. Contributed as an expression of gladness for the dedication of their new church. 1912 .... 500.00
20. The Frederick Stockmeier Fund. Contributed by Mrs. Sophia Stockmeier, Salem, Oregon, in memory of her husband. 1918 .... 500.00
21. The Sophia Stockmeier Fund. Given by Mrs. Sophia Stockmeier, Salem, Oregon. 1918.......................... 500.00
22. The Anton Kielsmeier Fund. Given by Mrs. Anton Kielsmeier, Salem, Oregon, in memory of her husband. 1918 500.00
23. The Daokta Classes Fund. Contributed by the Classes in the Dakotas. 1917 .... 500.00
24. The St. John's Classis W. M. S. Fund. Contributed by the Woman's Missionary Societies of the St. John's Classis, Central Synod. 1916 .... 500.00
25. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 3. 1913.................. 500.00
26. The Central Synod Fund. Given by the Central Synod. 1915 524.00
27. The Lafayette, Ind., Salem's Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation, the Sunday School, the Ladies' Aid and the C. E. Societies. 1916 .... 500.00
28. The Waynesburg, Ohio, Salem's Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1921.......................... 500.00
29. The J. H. S. Annuity Fund. Given by J. H. S. 1913...... 500.00
30. The Akron, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1917 .... 500.00
31. The Minnesota Classis Fund. Contributed by the congregations of the Classis. 1926......................... 500.00
32. The Heidelberg Classis Fund. Contributed by the congregations. 1917 .... 500.00
33. The Christian Rolli Fund. A legacy left by Christian Rolli, Yutan, Nebraska. 1914 .... 500.00
34. The Sheboygan Classis Fund. Contributed by the congregations. 1921 .... 500.00
35. The Marion, Ohio, First Church Fund. Contributed by the entire congregation. 1918 .... 500.00
36. The Sophia Beneker Fund. Given by her daughter, Mrs. Fred Narwold, Canton, Ohio, in memory of her mother. 1913 .... 500.00
37. The Christian Ruhl Fund. Given by Rev. Philip Ruhl, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in memory of his wife. 1913............. 500.00
38. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund No. 4. 1913.................... 500,00
39. The John Lahr Fund. Given by Mrs. John Lahr in memory of her husband. 1914............................. 500.00
40. The H. J. Ruetenik Fund. Given in memory of Dr. Ruetenik—educator, author, pastor, friend—by former students. 1921 .... 500.00
41. The Henry Katterheinrich Fund. Given by Mrs. Elizabeth Katterheinrich and her son Henry of Stratford, Wis., in memory of the husband and father. 1916.............. 500.00
42. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 5. 1915................. 500.00
43. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 6. 1915................. 500.00
44. The New Knoxville, Ohio, Fund. Contributed by two classes of the Sunday School. 1915....................... 500.00
45. The Henry M. Meyer and Wilhelmina M. Meyer Fund. Given in memory of his parents by Rev. B. M. Meyer, Elizabethtown, Md. 1915 .... 500.00
46. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 7. 1921................. 500.00
47. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 8 A special Thank Offering 1916 .... 500.00

48. The New Knoxville, Ohio, Fund. No. 2. Contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society. 1918........................ 500.00
49. The Carl F. Kriete Fund. Contributed by the Synod of the Southwest in recognition of twenty-five years' service as the President of the Board of Church Erection Fund. 1919... 500.00
50. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 9. 1916.................. 500.00
51. The Heidelberg Classis W. M. S. Fund. Contributed by the Missionary Societies of the Heidelberg Classis. 1924.. 500.00
52. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 10. 1917................ 500.00
53. The Huntington, Ind., St. Peter's Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation. 1918........................ 500.00
54. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 11. Special Thank Offering Fund. 1917 .... 500.00
55. The Heidelberg Classis Fund. No. 2. 1918............... 500.00
56. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 12. 1918................. 500.00
57. The John Kieni Fund. A legacy left by John Kieni, Hillsboro, Oregon. 1917 .... 500.00
58. The Fred W. Welp Fund. A legacy left by Fred W. Welp, Lafayette, Ind. 1918 .... 500.00
59. The Chicago Classis Fund. Contributed by the Classis. 1918 .... 500.00
60. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 13. 1919.................. 500.00
61. The Heidelberg Classis Fund. No. 3. 1924............... 500.00
62. A Memorial Fund. Given by a member of the Grace Church, Milwaukee, Wis., in memory of his wife, Christine, and his mother, daughter, and sister, all bearing the baptismal name, Marie. 1918........................ 500.00
63. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 14. Special Thank Offering. 1918 .... 500.00
64. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 15. 1919................. 500.00
65. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 16. Special Thank Offering Fund. 1919 .... 500.00
66. The New Glarus, Wis., Swiss Church Fund. Contributed by the congregation. 1922........................... 500.00
67. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 17. 1920................. 500.00
68. The Elias Badertscher Fund. A legacy left by Elias Badertscher of Bluffton, Ohio. 1920..................... 1,000.00
69. The Julia Gruis Fund. A legacy left by Mrs. Julia Gruis, Meservey, Iowa. 1920 .... 500.00
70. The Cincinnati, Ohio, Salem Church Fund. Contributed by the Sunday School. 1924............................ 500.00
71. The Mary Ellen Wagner Fund. A legacy left by Mary E. Wagner of Provo, Utah. 1921....................... 500.00
72. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 18. 1922................. 500.00
73. The "Reformed Church Member" Fund. Given by a member of one of the Cincinnati, Ohio, congregations. 1921 500.00
74. The Zion's Classis Fund. Given by the Zion's Classis, Synod of the Southwest, immediately before uniting with the St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod, to form the new Ft. Wayne Classis. 1922............................... 500.00
75. The A. A. K. Heinemann Fund. An annuity fund, given by Mrs. Minnie Heinemann in memory of her husband, 1922 .... 500.00
76. The Gepkea J. Hocker Fund. Given by Rev. A. Hocker, Galion, Ohio, in memory of his wife. 1923............ 500.00
77. The Louise Blatt Krampe Fund. Given by Rev. A. W. Krampe, Mission House, in memory of his wife. 1926.. 500.00
78. The W. M. S. G. S. Fund. No. 19. 1925................ 500.00

79. The Emma Stadtlander Fund. Given by Mrs. Emma Stadtlander, Meservey, Iowa. 1926	500.00
80. The John Dodge Fund. A legacy given by John Dodge of the First Church, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. Designated by the former Tri-Synodic Board as a memorial fund	2,000.00
81. The Elizabeth Knopf Fund. A legacy given by Mrs. Elizabeth Knopf of Coal City, Ind., in 1921. Designated by the Tri-Synodic Board as a memorial fund	3,100.00
82. The Julia Gruis Fund. A legacy given by Mrs. Julia Gruis of Meservey, Iowa, in 1920. Designated by the Tri-Synodic Board as a memorial fund	1,200.00
83. Louise V. Bolliger Memorial, given by her family in 1927	500.00
84. The Dr. H. A. and Sophia Muehlmeier Fund, given by the children in 1927	500.00
85. The Rev. E. Vornholt Memorial, LaCrosse, Wis. 1926	500.00
86. The Elder Henry Tuechter Fund, a legacy. 1927	500.00
87. The Justis Norwig Fund, Wolseley, Can. Legacy in 1927	500.00
88. The Milwaukee Classis Fund completed in 1928	500.00
89. Fred Ellenberger Memorial Fund, Berne, Ind. 1930	500.00
90. Rev. Benjamin Lienkaemper Memorial Fund. 1931	500.00
91. Prof. Adolf W. Krampe Memorial Fund. 1934	500.00
92. Katharine Delp Memorial Fund, 1936	500.00

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

FORWARD MOVEMENT FUND

January 1, 1936 *to December* 31, 1936.

Balance, January 1, 1936 ....$4,500.00

No Receipts. No. Disbursements.

Balance, December 31, 1936 ....$4,500.00

The Department of the Northwest holds notes for the above amount, given by the Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE P. BOLLIGER,
Treasurer of Forward Movement Funds.

Statistical Report of Missions in the Department of the Northwest of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church within the Bounds of the Synod of the Northwest, the Synod of the Mid-West, and the Ohio Synod, from January 1 to December 31, 1936

	Name	Place	Classis	When enrolled	Missionaries	Years served	Congregations	Members	Added	Lost	Net gain	Enrollment of Sunday-school	Amount raised on Apportionment	For other Benevolence	Expended for Improvements	Raised for Church Debt	Remaining Debt	Congregational Expenses
1	Winnebago Indian Mission Congregation	Black River Falls, Wis.	Sheboygan	1917	Benj. Stucki	6½	1	83	4	4		33	$ 277	$ 173	$	$	$	$
	School	Neillsville, Wis.	Sheboygan	1917	Benj. Stucki, Supt.	18½						‡111						
2	Curtiss-Colby	Colby, Wis.	Sheboygan	1905	Vacant	*	2	135	5	10	—5	48	140					145
3	First	Appleton, Wis.	Sheboygan	1910	Vacant	*	1	103	1	8	—7	54	67	10	75	171	3110	240
4	Grace	Kohler, Wis.	Sheboygan	1925	A. R. Achtermeier	3	1	179	10	8	2	150	420	50	403	400	24100	1100
5	First	Porterfield, Wis.	Sheboygan	1924	F. P. Franke	6	1	92	2		2	44	98	32	175		1300	437
6	Salem-Zion	Greenwood, Wis.	Sheboygan	1926	E. G. Pfeiffer	10	2	140				45	240		230	200		716
7	St. John's	Humbird, Wis.	Sheboygan	1926	V. D. Weidler	6½	1	119	16	3	13	47	58	8		94	82	718
8	St. Paul's	Sheboygan, Wis.	Sheboygan	1928	C. O. Schroer	4	1	255	57	15	42	289	118	445		377	15600	1685
9	First	Watertown, Wis.	Milwaukee	1907	Vacant	*	1	130	11	6	5	65	213	100	55	45		95
10	First Ev. Reformed	New Berlin, Wis.	Milwaukee	1916	F. Heilert	14½	1	90	2	6	—4	16	63					70
11	Memorial	Madison, Wis.	Milwaukee	1917	C. M. Zenk	8½	1	252	18	10	8	115	166	122	143	800	36150	991
12	Fillmore-Waubeka	Fredonia, Wis.	Milwaukee	1926	P. A. Olm	10	1	187	14	14		84	65	121	496	100	400	854
13	Zwingli	Rice Lake, Wis.	Minnesota	1910	Vacant	*	1	94	2	6	—4	27	109	18				75
14	Fount. C'y-Eagle Valley	Fountain City, Wis.	Minnesota	1927	Vacant		2	166		2	—2	42	289					522
15	Hope	Loveland, Colo.	Nebraska	1905	M. Schoenhaar	1½	1	70	7		7	15		67		100		148
16	Bethany	Ledyard, Iowa	Ursinus	1915	A. A. Depping	7½	1	140	6	6		98	185					90
17	Heil-Beulah	North Dakota	Eureka	1912	Vacant	*	2											
18	Medina	Medina, N. D.	Eureka	1903	Vacant	*	3	279	28	4	24	100	262		100		1000	
19	Upham-Kassel-Zion	Upham, N. D.	Eureka	1908	F. F. Ott	4	3	185	37	14	23	61	198	15	100			325
20	Miller	Alpina, S. D.	Eureka	1920	William Korn	½	2	114	19	22	—3	68	49					128
21	Isabel-Trail	Java, S. D.	Eureka	1916	Vacant	*	2	38				25		50			1450	
22	Oranien	Leola, S. D.	Eureka	1926	Vacant	*	1	95										
23	Rupert	Rupert, Idaho	Portland-Oregon	1935	A. Beutenmiller	1	1	15	3	3		20		2				24
24	Ebenezer	Quincy, Wash.	Portland-Oregon	1909	W. Werth	2	1	43	9	1	8	29	17	174	238			194
25	Second	Portland, Oregon	Portland-Oregon	1923	Geo. F. Zinn	6¾	1	140	19	7	12	106	156	25	3200		15000	200
26	Bethany	Salem, Oregon	Portland-Oregon	1928	E. Horstman	2½	1	70		2	—2	55	277	219	239			186
27	Salem	Winnipeg, Man., Can.	West Canada	1908	C. D. Maurer	15	1	215	11	12	—1	46	226	92		298	1202	544
28	Josephsberg-Valley	Grenfell, Sask., Can.	West Canada	1918	C. Fried	1½	2	81	4	8	—4	35	74				48	
29	Peace	Duff, Sask., Can.	West Canada	1902	Geo. Wolf	1½	1	60		2	—2	43	96					
30	Bethany	Wolseley, Sask., Can.	West Canada	1905	J. Schlamp	3½	3	83				13	70	4	7		100	30
31	Hope-Mewassin	Stony Plain, Alberta	West Canada	1920	C. H. Reppert	15½	2	180	10	20	—10	145	222	57			392	389
32	Vegreville-Martins	Vegreville, Alta., Can.	West Canada	1915	John Krieger	½	2	139		1	—1	85	129		85			114
33	Eleventh	**Cleveland, Ohio**	Northeast Ohio	1904	J. W. Belser	16½	1	140	10	8	2	150	438	116	150			155
34	Memorial	Toledo, Ohio	Northwest Ohio	1900	P. H. Baumann	10¼	1	213	29	17	12	235	78	135	100	903	22062	1255
35	Pleasant Run Blvd.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Indianapolis	1909	R. C. Windhorst	8¾	1	200	13	28	—15	200	125	65	300	800	20200	731
36	Trinity	Indianapolis, Ind.	Indianapolis	1920	W. H. Knierim	4	1	112	3	5	—2	148		5	200	240	16650	189
37	Barton-Hicks	Marvell, Ark.	Missouri	1912	T. Steiner	5½	2	59	3	4	—1	35	90	8	22	10		30
38	St. Thomas	Chicago, Ill.	Chicago	1916	W. F. Naefe	12	1	210	21	11	10	295	245	70		514	14700	3032
39	Lynnhurst†	Louisville, Ky.	Kentucky	1902	H. W. Baumer	7½	1	203	24	3	21	240	507	136	333			398
							55	5109	398	270	128	3306	$5763	$2319	$6651	$5052	$173546	$16049

* Vacant—1935 report used. † Self-supporting January 1937. ‡ Pupils enrolled in Indian School.

Exhibit III

HOME MISSIONS

The Annual Statement of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States

(Evangelical and Reformed)

To the Reverend Synods:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: This annual statement of the Board of Home Missions is presented to you under two general headings:—

I. Review

This section of our statement concerns itself largely with facts and figures. There are 153 missions on the roll of the Board, distributed among the Synods as follows:—

Synod	*No. of Missions*	*Members*
Eastern	15	2,655
Potomac	9	1,055
Pittsburgh	7	1,190
Ohio	9	1,238
Midwest	10	1,227
Northwest	59	4,948
Hungarian Missions	44	2,043
Total	153	14,356

The finances of the Board are handled under two separate Funds with accounts in two different banks. The General Fund receives its income through the Apportionment, through the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod and from certain miscellaneous sources. The income in this Fund for 1936 amounted to $207,477 of which amount $150,327 were received on the Apportionment and $19,869 from the Woman's Missionary Society. In addition to this there were $21,681 received through the Debt Redemption Plan. The expenditures in this Fund amounted to $183,527, showing a net gain fo $23,950. This fact indicates that the Board operated within its income but this balance was applied to the payment of back salaries and certain bank loans. The total liabilities in the General Fund are $167,694 which includes $109,111 on back salaries to the missionaries. However, the amount as of April 1st on salary arrearages is slightly less than this figure inasmuch as a substantial payment was made since January 1, 1937.

The "20,000 Club Plan" has been a great help to the Board in enabling it to pay on account of back salaries to the missionaries. On April 1st the total amount received through this special effort was $55,513. From the reports made to the Board, it appears that 677 congregations participated in this Plan but there are still 992 that have made no report whatsoever. This reveals that only about one-third of our congregations

participated in this special effort. The Board, therefore, feels justified in continuing this Plan until practically every congregation has responded or until the amount of money needed has been attained.

The Church Building Fund is handling the investments of the Board in mission churches and parsonages. During 1936 there was repaid to the Board on loans which it had made to the missions, $17,893. In addition to this, a number of Church-building Funds were received aggregating $14,427. There was also received in the form of legacies, $2,575.

In order to carry the work of the Church Building Department, to meet interest charges and make payments on principal of loans, it became necessary for the Board to transfer $55,586 from the General Fund to the Church Building Fund. It will be observed that this is too much of a drain on the General Fund and the remedy can be found only in having those missions, or now self-supporting churches, which owe money to the Board, to repay these loans more promptly and in larger sums.

The Board has put forth every effort to conduct its work on a minimum budget. In 1936 it operated on a budget of $226,000 and for 1937 it has reduced this to $217,000 with the hope that this amount will be fully supplied by the Church.

II. Preview

There are, naturally, other aspects to the work entrusted to the Board besides finances. These pertain to its inner life which are of a more constant and spiritual nature. It is to be deplored that at a time when moral and spiritual conditions in America call for aggressive effort on the part of our religious forces, so much attention and thought have to be devoted to the material and financial interests of this work. The Church at large must fail to recognize the challenge that confronts it today or else it would supply in ample fashion the means required by the Board in the fulfillment and the enlargement of its task. There is evidence on every side that our people are again coming into possession of more money than they have had during the last half decade or more, and yet there are no visible signs that their contributions to Kingdom enterprises have substantially increased. A materialistic philosophy of life and the spirit of secularism which the Church is expected to combat are controlling altogether too many of our members and are largely responsible for their lack of liberality to the causes of the Kingdom. A spiritual revitalization of our churches is an urgent necessity, in which enterprise the Board of Home Missions must again become a pioneer even as it was in former days in the religious occupation of our country.

In order to reestablish this fact in the consciousness fo our constituency, the Board has invited an official representative from practically all of the Classes to attend a conference in connection with the semi-annual meeting of the Board at Lancaster, Pa., on July 15, 1937, to discuss our mutual problems and to face up in a more intelligent and closer co-operative manner to our task. The Board believes that a clearer understanding of its policy and program on the part of the Classes, will bring about a more sympathetic and a more liberal support of the work of Home Missions.

The steps looking towards a united work with the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod are already in progress. The Executive Committees of each Board have held several meetings and are jointly planning the future work of Home Missions for the united Church. In several instances mission points have already amalgamated and probably we can expect more of this sort of thing in the near future.

A Cooperative Council of Missionary Education, including the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, the Boards operating in the field of Christian Education, the women's organizations of the two groups, and the Churchmen's Brotherhood, has lately been erected and has called Rev. D. D. Baker of Baltimore as the Director of the Council. Rev. Mr. Baker will assume charge of his duties on June 1st. His headquarters will be in St. Louis.

The period for the special emphasis on Home Missions, according to the action of the General Synod, has been fixed from September 15 to the second Sunday in October. The Boards of each group will put forth a united promotional and educational effort during this special season. It will be observed that this takes the place of the Home Mission Day on the second Sunday in November which was observed in the Reformed Church over a period of 30 years.

The Board looks forward with confidence and hope, believing that such an important phase of the work of the Church will receive not only the endorsement of the Synods but enlist the enthusiastic cooperation of every minister and member of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER, President.
CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, General Secretary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

To the honorable Synod of the Northwest:

During the course of this year the W.M.S. of General Synod will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. The climax of this celebration will be the Triennial Meeting at Akron, Ohio, in June, 1938. Northwest Synodical will have a share in this celebration. From a small beginning the work has increased year by year, and it is in a spirit of gratitude and humility that we review the past and plan for the future.

This year has brought an increase in Thankoffering and a budget paid in full in our Synodical. The total gain in Thankoffering from all the Synods amounted to $4,098.33. Because more funds are available, additional missionary support could be assumed. Several new missionaries are to be sent to help with the work in China. Out of our own Synod goes Miss Gertrude Zenk of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Because of the heavy loss suffered during the flood, two church building funds of $500.00 each are to be given to the church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, of which Franklin Lahr is pastor. For the Indian school at Neillsville the amount of $16,000.00 has been promised for this year.

Although the W.M.S. has been working on the Twenty Thousand Membership Club, the goal that was set for them has not been reached, but the work will be continued through this year. We still hope to raise the promised amount.

Our Secretary of Organization will visit Canada this summer to present the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in that territory.

The total amount of money given by the Woman's Missionary Society and Girls' Guilds of the Synod during the year was $107,268.77.

Respectfully submitted,

OLETA GROSSHUESCH
President of Northwest Synodical

Exhibit IV

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Annual Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In these days of difficulties at home and abroad which test the foundations of our faith and challenge our courage, the foreign mission enterprise of the Christian Church shares with the world the stress and strain of a world crisis. The problems which present themselves for solution to your Board of Foreign Missions are both insistent and staggering. However, with calm confidence in the world plan and world power of Jesus Christ, your Board of Foreign Missions presents to the Synods its annual report.

The Japan Mission

The outstanding events in the life of the Japan Mission during the past year were the celebration of three fiftieth anniversaries. Last May North Japan College celebrated its fiftieth anniversary; last October the Synod of the Church of Christ in Japan held its fiftieth anniversary session; last November Miyagi College celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. In these three anniversaries we have exhibited the purpose and progress of the two types of mission work in Japan—evangelistic and educational.

It was fifty years ago, in 1886, that the Rev. Dr. W. E. Hoy founded the "Sendai Training School for Christian Evangelists," which later grew into the present *North Japan College.* The school had a very humble beginning with six students in a little Japanese house. Since that day the little school has grown into an institution of Christian learning numbering 1,066 students with nearly 3,000 alumni. The main features of the celebration were broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up in Japan, and the various programs were attended by official representatives from all over the empire. At this celebration our veteran and beloved missionary, Dr. D. B. Schneder, retired as President of the institution and in his place there was inaugurated as his successor, Dr. Teizaburo Demura, an alumnus of the institution, with the degree of A.M. from Yale University and the degree of Ph.D. from Harvard University. Thus one of the ideals for which the North Japan College was founded has been realized.

Miyagi College celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in November. The early woman missionaries of the Reformed Church in Sendai were pioneers in the education of women. These consecrated Christian women blazed the trail for higher education of young women in the whole of the north of Japan. During these fifty years Miyagi College has furnished the Christian leadership for the work among the women of the Church of Christ in North Japan. This anniversary celebration brought back to Miyagi College a host of its alumnæ, many of whom are women of importance in the life of Japan. One of the encouraging features of

the fiftieth anniversary celebration was the announcement that work would begin immediately on the chapel auditorium for the purpose of providing adequate facilities for the students of the college and their friends to gather on such occasions. The money for this chapel has been provided by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Church of Christ in Japan is a union of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church missionary activities. It was fifty years ago that our Mission joined this united church. If any of the members of the synods of the Reformed Church in the United States could have visited the fiftieth anniversary session of the Synod of the Church of Christ in Japan, he would have felt at home. He would have found there a group of ministers and laymen equal in ability and consecration to those of the Synods of his own Church in America; and he would have come away from the sessions of that Synod with the assured confidence that the Christian Church in Japan is firmly rooted and well on its way to becoming self-propagating, self-organizing and self-supporting.

The China Mission

Our China Mission is located in the central province of Hunan. For years during civil strife in China, Hunan has been the battle-ground between the north and south, the hot-bed of the conflict between red communism and the forces of the central government. However, during the past year the territory of northern Hunan has been less disturbed than for years and our missionaries and their Chinese co-laborers have been able to carry on their work without serious molestation. To be sure there is continued uncertainty as to what is likely to happen next, but our missionaries are carrying on with commendable zeal, courage and confidence.

The evangelistic work of our China Mission has prospered splendidly during the past year. It is to be doubted whether anywhere in the Church there has been such proportionate increase in the membership of the Church as in the Shenchow field. The same is true of the Yochow field. Characteristic of the entire evangelistic work of the China Mission is the following quotation from the report of the evangelistic work at the last quarterly meeting of the Yochow Station: "Since our last regular meeting the evangelistic missionaries have visited all the out-station work except Djung Fang and Hwa Yung. Travel to these stations is not considered safe at present. The following numbers were baptized: at Taolin, 19 adults and 1 child; Yuinchi, 14 adults and 2 children; Yanglouszi, 11 adults and 4 children; Changan, 9 adults and 5 children; Sintsiang, 5 adults and 2 children; Chenglingchi, 3 adults and 5 children, making a total of 61 adults and 19 children. The evangelists at Djung Fang, Yanglouszi, Niehgiaszi and Changan united in conducting a joint evangelistic campaign. About four days were spent in each field visiting nearby villages. They report very good interest. At Yanglouszi Evangelist Meng had a four-day school for the younger Christians. Twenty were in regular attendance and studied the life of Christ, singing and theology."

The educational work of the China Mission has been prosecuted with

great success during the past year. Instead of the famine and flood of previous years, last year in this section of Hunan there were splendid crops; and with the increasing prosperity more parents were able to send their children to school. As a consequence all of our schools in the China Mission have increased enrollment. At Yochow there are the Huping Agricultural Normal School and the Ziemer Memorial Girls' School. At Shenchow there are the Eastview Boys' School and the Chenteh Girls' School. All these schools are known as middle schools, corresponding roughly to our high schools here in America. In addition to these high schools, twenty primary schools are conducted under the auspices of the Mission and the congregations.

The China Mission also co-operates with five other union schools: Yali, or Yale-in-China, High School for Boys and Fuh Siang Union High School for Girls in Changsha, the capital of the province of Hunan. Our college work is done in connection with Hua Chung or Central China Christian College at Wuchang. This is a union institution in which we are associated with the Methodist Church of England, the Congregational Church of England, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and Yale University. The School of Education of this College has been allotted to the Reformed Church as its special charge. The work done by Central China College is of such high grade that it commends itself most favorably to the general public and the Department of Education of the Chinese government. The theological training for our China Mission is done in Central China Union Theological Seminary at Wuchang. The Mission is also associated with the work of Ginling College for women in Nanking.

The medical work of the China Mission is carried on at David Schneder Hoy Memorial Hospital, at Yochow, and Abounding Grace Hospital, at Shenchow. The work of these two hospitals has been seriously handicapped by a lack supervision in the executive administration due to the fact that we have no missionary physician on the field. However, our missionary nurses, in co-operation with Chinese physicians, are carrying on the work very acceptably under difficult circumstances. During the past year the authorities at each of the hospitals have been approached by provincial medical officials with the suggestion that they be definitely linked up with the whole health program of the Government. The Government officials assure the hospitals that this co-operation with the Government program will not interfere with the religious program of the hospitals, and that the Christian workers in the hospitals are at perfect liberty to carry on their religious activities. With this new spirit of co-operation are bound to come great opportunities for Christian work.

The United Mission in Mesopotamia

The representatives of the Reformed Church in the United Mission in Mesopotamia are Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Glessner, who are in charge of the evangelistic station in Kirkuk. The annual narrative of the United Mission in Mesopotamia for 1936 contains the following statement: "We have had the privilege of going forth undisturbed with our daily task

of making Christ known during this year of political upheavals and general unrest in the Near East. The people of Kirkuk seem to be realizing more and more the value of our book shop and reading room. . . . Our first great missionaries were itinerating men, going from town to town, and from village to village. We have made five major tours this year and have found no village that, as a whole, condemned our work. There are always, of course, individuals who try to create public opinion against us, but whatever we say of opposition, the fact remains that in spite of it, in some instances because of it, the Word of the Living God is finding its way amongst the people. This year, more than ever before, we have had the good fortune of making contacts with the nomads of the desert and distributing valuable literature to the few who can read."

Missionary Personnel

New Missionaries: During the past year our missionary force in China has been augmented by the arrival of Miss Lucile Hartman, who has been assigned to woman's evangelistic work in Yungsui, and by the marriage of Missionary John D. Beck, to Miss Grace C. Ekvall. Mrs. Beck was born in China, the daughter of missionary parents, and has been most heartily and enthusiastically received as a member of the China Mission.

Missionaries returning: The returning missionary is the best missionary testimony. He knows and is willing to dedicate his life to the cause. The following missionaries return to their fields of labor this past year: Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Nugent to Yamagata, Japan; Professor and Mrs. Carl S. Sipple to North Japan College, Sendai, Japan; Professor Charles M. LeGalley to North Japan College, Sendai, Japan; Miss Erna J. Flatter to Ziemer Memorial Girls' School, Yochow, China; Rev. and Mrs. Theophilus Hilgeman to evangelistic work in Yochow.

Missionaries at home: The following missionaries are now on furlough in the United States: Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Schneder, Sendai, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ankeney, Sendai, Japan; Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Sendai, Japan; Dr .and Mrs. William G. Seiple, Sendai, Japan; Professor and Mrs. F. B. Nicodemus, Sendai, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss, Aomori, Japan; Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Taylor, Wuchang, China; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin A. Beck, Yochow, China. The majority of these will return to their fields this summer. The following missionary families will be returning to America this year: Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Zaugg, Sendai, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Schroer, Morioka, Japan, and Miss Alice E. Traub, R.N., Yochow, China.

The Call for Reinforcements

There is a most urgent call for replacements for our depleted missionary force. In Japan there is a pressing need for a teacher of Commercial English for North Japan College, a teacher of Home Economics for Miyagi College, and, especially, two evangelistic families to take the places left vacant by the death of the veterans, Dr. Christopher Noss and Dr. Henry K. Miller. In China, there is the same critical need for a missionary doctor, a teacher for Eastview Boys' School, a music

teacher for Central China College, a man evangelistic worker for Shenchow, a man evangelistic worker for Yochow, a woman evangelistic worker for Yochow, a teacher for Huping Agricultural Normal School, a substitute woman teacher for Ziemer Memorial Girls' School and Chenteh Girls' School, and a registered nurse. In Mesopotamia there is a call for a teacher in the Baghdad Girls' School.

One of the most distressing incidents in the annual meeting of the Board on March 5th this year was the fact that the Board received some twenty applications and inquiries concerning missionary work on the foreign field and was compelled to postpone action on any of them until there was the assurance of sufficient funds to support them. It is devoutly to be hoped that increased offerings during these months of the first half of this year will enable the Board to elect and send out to waiting and needy fields these young people who are willing to go.

The Financial Situation

It is a source of sincere gratification for the Board to be able to announce to the Church that its financial condition has continued to improve during the past year. During the year 1936 the Board balanced its budget and lived within its income. All of its budget expenses, including the salaries of the missionaries, were paid promptly each month. The receipts from the apportionment, which are the basic funds upon which the Board establishes and prosecutes its work, were $147,490.91 in 1935 and $153,701.23 in 1936. This is a comparatively small increase, but it is an increase. The total receipts for the Board last year, 1936, were $236,757.21.

The meager apportionment receipts for the first three months of the year are a cause for serious concern. It must be evident to everybody that the Board cannot carry on its extended missionary operations for three months on a relatively small share of the apportionment. No small factor in this distressing matter is the custom of a large number of Classes of paying their classical contingent and local benevolences in full out of the first apportionment monies that come in the year. This is unjust and unfair to our faithful missionaries who cannot wait for their salaries until the more generous apportionment receipts come in later in the year. The only recourse the Board has in this matter is to apply funds received for other purposes to the work allowances of the Missions in the hope of replacing them in the later months of the year when more generous apportionment offerings are received. When the Board gets rid of its indebtedness one of its first duties must be to accumulate a reserve fund with which to do business. In the meantime, however, the Church could ease up matters very materially by forwarding to the Board money which has been given to Foreign Missions immediately upon its receipt.

The Church ought to remember that the distressing cut of forty per cent made necessary on all our work three years ago, is for the most part, still in force. Some advances have been made. This has been absolutely necessary if our missionaries are to live. Missionary salaries are

based on a subsistence basis. To cut them means suffering. Living expenses in Japan and China have increased materially in the past year. Our missionaries have not complained. Nearly all of them have sacrificed savings and insurance laid aside for an emergency and for the education of their children. This procedure cannot be continued indefinitely. The very day on which this report is being written the Secretary of the Board received a letter from one of our most loyal missionaries, pouring out his heart in his anxiety with regard to the education of his children, in which he says: "I confess that this has made me wonder if I should not resign from the Mission and attempt to find some work to open up a way so that we could send the children at least to high school." Certainly every American child has a right to a high school education and the Church has no right to deny its missionary children that privilege. The father of one of our missionaries well says in a letter to the Secretary: "For the Board to balance its budget apparently to the satisfaction of the home Church with a forty per cent cut, thereby creating a deficit on the part of the missionaries on the foreign field, is poor business and not Christian. It is a shame that the people of our Church are so irresponsive to their obligations and privileges in carrying forward this work entrusted to the Board."

This adjustment of funds made necessary by the comparatively small apportionment receipts during the first three months of the year makes it almost impossible to report accurately to the Chruch at this particular time just what the deficit of the Board is. It varies every week. At the present writing, April first, the receipts for the Foreign Mission Day offering are just coming in. There has been received to date $21,053.31. Much of this offering is coming in through the classical treasurers and no small portion of it is being applied to the classical apportionment. It will be impossible for several months to tell accurately what the total offering on Foreign Mission Day was; but that the day was observed widely and whole-heartedly by the Church is a source of deep gratification to your Board of Foreign Missions. When it is possible to make the adjustments for the receipts of the Easter benevolent offerings, it is probable that the deficit of the Board will be well below the $100,000.00 mark. When this goal is reached the Board will be enabled to carry its comparatively small indebtedness and amortize it by absorbing a portion of it each year in the general budget. Then the Church and the Board will happily be free for making its main financial objective the raising of the regular apportionment.

Annuity Gifts

The Board of Foreign Missions desires to call especial attention this year to the matter of annuity gifts. One of the most distressing experiences of the Board during the past year was the loss of over $20,000.00 which has been bequeathed to the Board in the wills of devoted servants of the Church but which, for various reasons, were lost to the Board. If these good people had given this money in annuity gifts, they would have been assured of the income during their lives and the Board would have it today. If every pastor in the Church would secure just one,

even small, annuity gift, the whole indebtedness of the Board could be financed.

The Woman's Missionary Society

The Board and the Church at large owe much to the Woman's Missionary Society for its continued interest and loyal support. Without the generous contributions received from the Woman's Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions would be unable to carry on some of its most promising work.

Missionary Education

There has just been organized in the united Church a Co-operative Council of Missionary Education under the auspices of the Boards of Home Missions, Boards of Foreign Missions, Board of Christian Education, Woman's Missionary Society, Women's Union, and the Churchmen's Brotherhood. This Council has elected the Rev. David D. Baker as Director of its Department of Missionary Education. This is a very happy choice, as both Mr. and Mrs. Baker have had active missionary experience in our Missions in Japan and Mesopotamia. Rev. Mr. Baker will assume the duties of his office on June first.

The foreign mission theme for interdenominational mission-study during the coming year is "The Moslem World." This theme will fit very finely into a study of our work in the United Mission in Mesopotamia. In addition to the usual interdenominational text-books which will be used at the Summer Missionary Conferences this year, a number of stereopticon and motion picture lectures are being prepared. Every congregation is urged to send delegates to the various Summer Missionary Conferences and Schools.

The narrative of the missionary work of the Reformed Church, written by the Secretary under the title, "The End of the Beginning," is having a wide and enthusiastic reception in the Church. It is recommended that in every congregation a circle for the reading and study of this book be formed.

The Outlook of Missions

The "Outlook of Missions," now in its twenty-ninth year, continues to prove a valuable means of promoting missionary activity and providing material for missionary education. The Boards of both branches of the united Church, as well as the General Synod at its sessions in Fort Wayne, Indiana, last year, have gone on record as favoring the publication of a missionary periodical for the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The United Church

One of the most inspiring prospects before the Church is the consummation of the union of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. Pursuant to the action of General Synod, representatives of both Boards of Foreign Missions of the united Church held a meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 27, 1936, at which the following action was taken: "That for the purpose of executing the expressed will of General

Synod, 'that the responsible persons in both branches of the Church now charged with the task of bringing the merger to actual consummation and with the duty of integrating the work of the corresponding denominational boards, bend every effort to authorize and actually establish the work of the united Church on a united basis,' this assembly now proceed to the organization of a Board of International Missions to be a joint consultative and administrative agency of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, the actions of which shall be binding when submitted to and approved by the above-stated Boards of Foreign Missions." This new Board appointed various committees for the purpose of making arrangements for the union of the work of the two Boards in preparation for the official merger of the Boards at the next meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The new world field presented to the Church by this union should prove an inspiration to the whole Church.

The Prospect

The Foreign Mission enterprise faces a critical and challenging world situation. Missionaries and missionary administrators are confronted with new problems the solution of which are of superlative consequence. The missionaries and this Board bespeak from the Church her abiding interest, sincere confidence, loyal support and earnest prayer.

Respectfully submtited,

CHARLES E. CREITZ, *President*
A. V. CASSELMAN, *Secretary*

April 1, 1937.

Exhibit V

THE ORPHANS' HOME

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Indiana

To the Reverend Synods: Northwest, Mid-West, Ohio, and Eastern.
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It is with a deep sense of gratitude and thanksgiving that we submit this our fifty-fourth annual report. During the past year we have had a very marked expression of the providence of God in taking care of our large and interesting family, for which we are profoundly thankful. The catastrophe that came to the Home just a year ago this February has, in the providence of God, been turned into great blessing. For God used it to reveal unto us in a very tangible way our great host of friends who sprang into action immediately, so that today we can truthfully say that the fire catastrophe was a great blessing. The practically new building stands today as a monument of God's grace, for it is free of debt, and besides, this is the first year in the experience of the undersigned's twelve years of service on this board, that we did not end the year with a deficit and a large loan from the bank. All this has been made possible only through the kindness of our many friends and the churches who pledged their support.

The emergency was met with most whole-hearted response on the part of the Ft. Wayne pastors and the people of the city. The radio, the press, and especially the people of Fort Wayne and vicinity, irrespective of creed and denomination, literally rushed to our aid, so that in a very short time we were swamped with the immediate necessities of life. And then from all parts of the Church car and truck loads of goods came every day, and the mails brought daily offerings, so that on the day of dedication practically the whole cost of rebuilding was met. For this whole-hearted assistance we are profoundly grateful. Surely Isaiah 43:2 has again been verified in that no one was injured nor burned in the fire.

We call attention to the annual report of the Superintendent and Treasurer, which has been duly audited. Many improvements on buildings and grounds have been made during the year, but there is still much to be accomplished in the way of repair and change. Our laundry equipment is getting to the place where it will need to be replaced. The heating unit is in rather cramped condition, which makes it difficult to handle. But in time all of these things will be taken care of. We have also been advised to rewire the administration building which will entail no little outlay.

The school situation is very much improved among the children of the Home, as the teachers are co-operating with the administration in every way possible. Religious training of the children is also being provided for, through the co-operation of the Ft. Wayne pastors and the help

of the Home staff. The musical training of the children is being cared for by Mr. Henley and some of the governesses.

We would therefore recommend to all of our friends in the churches and Sunday-schools the hearty support of our Home with gifts and prayers, and the usual Christmas offering. In the matter of legacies we would advise that if possible these be changed to annuities, as our experiences prove that a great many of them never reach their destination after the death of the donor. Our annuity bonds are a safe investment and afford a desirable means whereby those who have funds to invest in Christian service may do so during their lifetime, and still receive the interest of their funds every six months. Write to the Superintendent for rates and information.

We most heartly appreciate the fine co-operation of our many friends, and invite them to enter the new year with us in full confidence in the great Head of the Church, who doeth all things well.

In closing we call attention to the expiration of the term of office of the following members of the Board of Trustees:

Northwest Synod—Rev. F. W. Knatz.
Mid-West Synod—Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein.
Ohio Synod—Elder Guy Snyder.
Eastern Synod—Elder M. Carle.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. H. SAUERWEIN, President.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 8, 1937.

Report of Treasurer of Fort Wayne Orphans' Home

MARY LOUISE HERTIG FUND FOR YEAR 1936

Balance on hand January 1, 1936		$ 1,626.25
Cash Receipts for 1936:		
Friends, Reformed Church, Greenville, Ohio		4.00
Balance January 1, 1937		$ 1,630.25

SPECIAL FIRE FUND FOR 1936, A. STIENECKER, SUPT.

Cash Receipts for 1936	$14,752.61	
Paid by Insurance Co.	15,515.45	
		$30,268.06
Disbursements:		
New Equipment	$ 1,318.25	
Repairs on Old Equipment	71.25	
Building Materials	744.40	
Salaries	40.00	
Miscellaneous	745.19	
Employees' Loss	653.51	
Building Contract	24,755.76	
		28,328.36
Balance January 1, 1937		$ 1,939.70

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1936

A Stienecker, Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1936	Deficit	$ 4,416.83

Cash Receipts for 1936

Messenger	$ 288.63	
Child Support	3,095.29	
Farm Receipts	1,311.68	
Band and Orchestra	1,470.37	
Miscellaneous	172.07	
Fire Fund Transfer	2,025.84	
Mortgages, Notes and Interest	5,111.50	
Estates — Total	4,726.90	
Four Synods:		
Mid-West Synod	4,074.00	
Eastern Synod	470.41	
Northwest Synod	5,541.30	
Ohio Synod	8,443.35	
		36,731.34
		$32,314.51

Disbursements for 1936

Administrative	$ 2,652.60	
Financial-note Paid and Interest	2,821.66	
Child Care:		
Food	2,838.60	
Clothing	1,028.74	
House Supplies	421.90	
Medical	419.56	

18th Birthday	100.00	
Miscellaneous	73.76	
Shoe Repairs	154.91	
Salaries	6,116.16	
Improvements:		
Buildings and Grounds	349.36	
Equipment	1,624.77	
Autos and Trucks	146.30	
Repairs:		
Buildings and Equipment	1,581.44	
Auto Repairs	481.25	
Education:		
Tuition, Musical, Supplies, Miscellaneous, etc.	1,584.20	
Farm Expense:		
Feed, Salary, Supplies	1,408.76	
Coal, Light and Power	3,024.35	
General:		
Office Supplies, Miscellaneous, Insurance, Real Estate	1,390.09	
Fire Fund Transfer	2,025.84	
		$30,244.25
Balance January 1, 1937		$ 2,070.26
Estimated Farm Returns for 1936:		
All Vegetables, Fruits, Milk, Eggs, Chicken, Pork, used on our table		$ 3,320.82

Exhibit VI

THE HOME FOR THE AGED

Report of the Home for the Aged, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for the Year Ending December 31, 1936

To the Supporting Synods—Ohio, Midwest and Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: The year 1936 has been one of continued fighting for the rights of the Home for the Aged, the old folks who are residents at the Home and the synods supporting it.

The criminal case instituted in the Wyandot County Court against the former Treasurer, as reported last year, resulted in his conviction for embezzlement and a sentence of from one to ten years in the Ohio Penitentiary. The case was carried to the Court of Appeals which Court sustained the verdict of the Wyandotte County Court. An effort was then made for a hearing by the State Supreme Court but this Court refused to hear the case.

The civil case instituted in the Lucas County Court was dismissed by the Board of Trustees on the receipt of $11,500.00 from the two companies that had bonded the defaulting Treasurer.

The recovery of this amount of the loss sustained by the Home made possible the payment of about 75% of over-due interest on annuity and mortgage bonds and 80% on current indebtedness. Additional funds are needed to complete the liquidation of these two items of indebtedness.

The bonded indebtedness now amounts to $29,100.00. These bonds become due in December of the present year. This calls for a refinancing of the Home in the above amount and we ask for the prayers and financial support of individuals, organizations, congregations and classes in all the supporting synods.

No definite appeal has been made for the Home for several years. We are, therefore, asking for a very special offering for the Old Folks on Mother's Day.

The generous gifts of fruits, vegetables, groceries, bedding etc. have been a great help in giving comfort and happiness to the residents of the home and are sincerely appreciated and their continuance solicited.

The Secretary of the Board of trustees, Rev. Geo. W. Good, 433 N. Fifth St., Upper Sandusky, Ohio, has been designated to receive all funds for the Home. He is to acknowledge all receipts and keep accurate account of same, then turn them over to the newly elected Treasurer, Mr. O. J. Weiker, an Elder in the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church of Upper Sandusky. All obligations are to be paid by check and all checks signed by both Secretary and Treasurer. By this method of accounting and handling of funds we hope to avoid the recurrence of our recent unhappy experience.

A change of administration is in process. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Troup, severed their connection with the Home as Superintendent and Matron March 15th. The plan of conducting the Home with a Matron alone is to be given a six months' trial and if it proves satisfactory is to be continued. Mrs. Katherine E. Grether, widow of the late Rev. Frederick Grether, was elected to the position of Matron and has accepted. She expects to arrive for duty about May 1st. Local and near-by officials of the Board of Trustees are to assist in the work of administration. This is an economy program financially and it makes available a number of rooms for residents formerly occupied by the Superintendent and his family. There is room for additional residents.

During the year 1936 five persons were received into the Home. One of these left at the end of six months rather than meet the financial requirements. Two of the five died within the year, one immediately upon her arrival, due probably to the fatigue of the trip, and another at the end of five months. There are now twenty-two residents in the Home. Health conditions are somewhat below normal, a larger number of invalids and sick persons than usual. Otherwise conditions in the Home are normal or above.

The following legacies and special gifts came to the Home during the year: From an anonymous friend at Springboro, Ohio, $50.00; Miss Sue Lehner, Upper Sandusky, $100.00; Miss Anna Dressel, Tiffin, Ohio, $200.-00; Miss Emma Keilholtz, Tiffin, Ohio, $212.00; Mr. Martin Ruetenik, Cleveland, Ohio, $500.00. The Board of Trustees is sincerely appreciative of all these gracious gifts. The report of the Treasurer follows.

Members whose terms expire this year:

Ohio Synod—Elder F. W. Zeits
Midwest Synod—Rev. Ernst Fledderjohn
Synod of Northwest—Rev. H. G. Settlage

We request Synods for Apportionment 12 cents.

EWALD SOMMERLATTE, President.
GEO. W. GOOD, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year, 1936

THE HOME FOR THE AGED

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 1936.

	CREDITS (*receipts*)	DEBITS (*disb'sem'ts*)
Jan. 1, 1936. To balance	$ 848.36	
January	338.72	530.94
February	225.63	439.11
March	173.07	435.75
April	612.14	500.95
May	521.44	415.91
June	304.49	417.61
July	1,900.79	860.48
August	364.73	967.93
September	338.88	559.16
October	1,020.11	429.15
November	906.93	725.50
December	1,735.63	515.18
December (supplemental)	1,360.14	1,084.60
Total	$10,651.06	$7,884.27

Total CREDITS (receipts)	$10,651.06
Total DEBITS (disbursements)	7,884.27
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1936	$ 2,766.79

CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS

Apportionment

Ohio Synod		
North East Ohio Classis	$ 732.22	
East Ohio Classis	800.00	
South West Ohio Classis	566.71	
West Ohio Classis	318.75	
North West Ohio Classis	391.95	
Central Ohio Classis	162.94	
		$2,972.57
Mid-West Synod		
Kentucky Classis	$ 290.06	
Ft. Wayne Classis	213.50	
Indianapolis Classis	293.16	
Missouri-Kansas Classis	20.00	
Chicago Classis	93.85	
Iowa Classis	50.00	
		960.57
North-West Synod		
Minnesota Classis	72.72	
Sheboygan Classis	403.68	
Milwaukee Classis	282.60	
South Dakota Classis	64.40	
Ursinus Classis	28.00	
California Classis	9.10	
		860.50

Congregations	348.22
Sunday Schools	548.69
Ladies' Aid Societies	163.00
Women's Missionary Societies	114.56
Personal Gifts	717.50
Old Age Relief	75.00
Real estate installment payments and interest	220.00
Clubs	21.00
Insurance Rebates	3.60
Entrance Payments	2,248.25
Legacies	505.21

CLASSIFICATION OF DISBURSEMENTS

Food	$ 938.86
Gas	233.65
Electricity	332.94
Water	237.21
Telephone	40.00
Board meetings	143.15
Salaries	1,235.00
Wages	1,492.93
Nursing	693.37
Postage	15.00
Printing	7.28
Life Insurance Premiums	32.30
Flowers	7.50
Gasoline	53.25
Petty Cash	210.00
On debt account	557.52
Fire and Storm Insurance	107.81
Industrial Insurance	22.30
Coal	516.00
Electric supplies	10.80
Burial	150.00
Medical	150.00
Interest	174.75
Superintendent's bond	12.50
Auto License	7.25
Liability Insurance	28.85
Repairs and supplies	62.97
Annuity interest	316.70
Car rental	20.00
Miscellaneous	34.95

CHAS. P. TROUP, Treasurer.

Exhibit VII

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Annual Statement of the Board of Ministerial Relief

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Board of Ministerial Relief had an encouraging and prosperous year during 1936. At the close of 1936 the Board was considerably further on its way than at the close of 1935. The advance was due to management, better times, and better co-operation by our pastors and people. The Board is deeply grateful to our kind Heavenly Father for His many blessings, and to our pastors and people for their prayers, their co-operation, and their contributions.

Annuitants and Annuities

During 1936 the Board helped the largest number of veteran ministers and widows of ministers in the entire history of the Board. The number of Relief annuitants was 257, and the number of Sustentation annuitants was 209, a total of 466. Deducting the 83 annuitants counted twice, because they received both Relief and Sustentation annuities, the number of individual annuitants of the Board in 1936 was 383, which is 25 more than the 358 annuitants in 1935.

The Relief Department paid all of the Apportionment received, amounting to $35,504.22 and $9,154.51 in addition thereto, a total of $44,658.73, to its 257 annuitants of the Relief Department; and the Sustentation Fund paid $30,504.97 to its 209 beneficiaries, against $27,112.02 paid to 181 beneficiaries in 1935.

Total Benefits Paid

The Board paid $890,870.03 in Relief annuities from its beginning in May, 1905, to the close of 1936, and paid $150,066.16 in Sustentation benefits from the payment of the first benefits on April 1, 1923, to the close of 1936, a total of $1,040,936.19 to 861 persons, of whom 605 were Relief annuitants and 256 Sustentation beneficiaries. Every cent contributed to the Relief Department was paid to the annuitants, and $40,103.79 in addition thereto. All the members' dues ever paid to the Sustentation Fund to December 31, 1936, amounted to $332,106.33, and all of the contributions ever made to the Fund, to December 31, 1936, amounted to $756,331.45, a total of $1,088,437.78. The Board has these $1,088,437.78 and $307,025.40 in addition thereto, a total of $1,395,463.18, invested in securities at par value in the Sustentation Fund.

Finances of the Board

The finances of the Board are in excellent condition. For this reason the Board can pay its Relief annuities and Sustentation Fund benefits regularly in advance. During 1936 the Board increased its total assets by $34,199.49. The investments could have been sold for $132,492.28 more than we paid for them. They are well diversified. Their ratings are good. No bonds are in default. The rate of interest at cost is 5.06%. The overhead expenses were decreased in 1936, and amounted to less than

1% of the total assets. All financial transactions of the Board are either authorized or approved by its Finance Committee.

Accounting of the Actuary and C. P. A.

Each year the Actuary of the Board, who also is the Actuary of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and of other Church Pension Funds, and of Insurance Companies, ascertains how much money each individual member of the Sustentation Fund has to his credit, and thus ascertains the amount of benefits that should be paid to each member of the Fund. He then adds up all of these individual credits, and the amount of investments and cash in the bank of the Fund must be more than the sum of these individual credits. The Board must have the money needed in the Fund year by year. Therefore, every person can be assured that our Sustentation Fund possesses enough money to pay all of its obligations, and that the last member of the Fund just as surely will receive the benefits, to which he is entitled, as the present beneficiaries of the Fund receive their benefits. The Certified Public Accountant of the Board examined all of the books and accounts of the Board for 1936 and found them correct. He also checked the figures of the Actuary in his Valuation of our Sustentation Fund.

The reserves set up by your Board in our Sustentation Fund are adequate to assure the fulfillment of the provisions of all the certificates of membership of the Fund. Your Board fully recognizes the responsibility and sacredness of its trust, and uses every means to keep its finances in a safe and sound condition.

The Apportionment

The amount received during 1936 on the Apportionment of $80,137.-27 was $35,504.22, a slight gain over 1935, which receipts are shown by Synods in the following table:

Synod	1936 *Apportionment*	*Apportionment Paid*	*Apportionment Unpaid*
Eastern	$35,566.14	$15,046.89	$20,519.25
Potomac	12,756.72	6,516.68	6,240.04
Pittsburgh	7,280.22	3,538.64	3,741.58
Ohio	13,723.18	5,760.83	7,962.35
Mid-West	4,643.11	2,183.00	2,460.11
Northwest	6,167.90	2,458.18	3,709.72
	$80,137.27	$35,504.22	$44,633.05

Your Board, instead of receiving $35,504.22 a year through the Apportionment, should receive about $100,000 a year in order to provide our veteran ministers and their widows with adequate annuities.

Sustentation Additional Benefit Reserve

Your Board has been endeavoring to increase the Sustentation Fund benefits beyond the 50% benefits now being paid. We are convinced that it is the duty of the Church to raise more money to increase the benefits of each member of the Fund, because thousands of people in our country now are entitled to receive pensions, and the only pensions to which our

ministers are entitled are those from our Sustentation Fund. Under the Federal Social Security Act about 26,000,000 wage earners will receive pensions up to $85.00 a month at the age of sixty-five. Group insurance now covers 6,500,000 workers in the amount of $10,000,000,000. Over 800 formal or informal company pensions plans are in force, covering at least 3,000,000 workers until retirement at age sixty-five for men, and age sixty for women. But the only pensions to which our ministers are entitled are those from our Sustentation Fund. Therefore our Board is endeavoring to increase the pension benefits of our ministers through the Sustentation Additional Benefit Reserve. On December 31, 1936, a total of 197 congregations had paid something toward increasing the Sustentation Fund benefits of 165 pastors. This is 13 more congregations and 8 more pastors than in 1935.

The General Synod, in 1936, challenged each Classis to make plans by which to increase the Sustentation Fund benefits of every member of the Fund in the Classis. The Classes are working upon this project, but it is too early at this writing to make a full report on the plans the Classes have made. We, however, can say that several Classes have adopted in principle the suggestion of the Board that the members of the Fund pay their own dues; the Charges pay the equivalent of their dues; and the Classes pay one and one-half times the dues of the members.

Annuity Bonds, Memorial Funds and Bequests

The Annuity Bonds, or Annuity Agreements, as some people call them, of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the U. S. are based upon the sound principle of Annuity Bonds, which is that the amount given by the donor shall be safely invested for the donor until his or her death, and shall be used for no other purpose than that of investment, until the death of the donor, when the residue of the Bond shall be used for the care of our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers. The Annuity Bonds of the Board of Ministerial Relief are amply secured. The rate of return on these Bonds is good. There is no fluctuation in the value of them, they do not require reinvestment, they are loss-proof, economical, and better than a bequest. The total amount of Annuity Bonds, as of December 31, 1936, was $57,447, and of Memorial Funds $62,248. Memorial Funds are gifts of $100 or more, given by any person, group, or Church organization in memory of a relative, friend, pastor, or Church worker. During 1936 your Board also received five bequests, totalling $3,090.

Special Ministerial Relief Season

The General Synod decided that the season for the Board of Ministerial Relief to especially promote its cause during 1937 should be from April 15 to May 9. We therefore earnestly hope that our pastors will present the most worthy cause of Ministerial Relief to their people during this season and make it the occasion for special contributions to Ministerial Relief or to our Sustentation Fund. Any contributions received by the Board for our Sustentation Fund, from a Charge, will be credited toward increasing the Sustentation Fund benefits of the pastor of that Charge.

Union of the Two Boards

At the first meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, in Cleveland, Ohio, in June, 1934, it was resolved that "The Boards shall be instructed to enter into negotiations for consolidation as rapidly as the laws of the State, their Charters, their Constitutions, and their property rights will permit." The Executive Committee of our Board of Ministerial Relief held three Conferences with the representatives of the "E" Board. We are looking forward to other Conferences and to the working out of a plan to unify the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

We find that most of our ministers and Church members believe, that for the best interests of all concerned, and because of the diverse conditions of our Sustentation Fund and the Evangelical Pension Fund, our new Church should maintain these two Funds in accordance with their respective terms and conditions; finance them to pay 100% benefits; protect the rights, property, and benefits of all the members of each Fund; and close each of these two Funds to new members as soon as the General Synod establishes a new "Pension Fund" for our entire new Church. Our "R" Group also desires to secure just annuities for the Relief annuitants of each group. For a number of reasons we are confident that the above objectives will be accomplished.

We believe that the following action, adopted by the General Synod in 1936, will be fulfilled in letter and in spirit: "In the union of the "E" Board of Pension and Relief and the "R" Board of Ministerial Relief, the General Synod urges that the members of the "E" Pension Fund, the members of the "R" Sustentation Fund, and the Relief annuitants of each group shall be given just and equitable treatment and settlements."

Needs of the Board

1. Your Board of Ministerial Relief needs the prayers and good will of each minister and member of our Church.

2. Because of the needs of the annuitants of our Relief Department, your Board should receive at least three times as much Apportionment as it received during 1936.

3. Because of the inadequate benefits that your Board now can pay from our Sustentation Fund, the Fund should be financed by our Church in such a way as to pay the benefits 100%, especially since there is no other pension provision for the ministers of our Church.

4. The members of our Sustentation Fund need to be guaranteed by our new Church that each one of them will receive the benefits, to which he is entitled, because of the dues paid and the contributions made by our "R" Group solely for the members of the Fund.

5. Your Board needs the greatest possible moral and financial support of each Synod of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Nelson Bassler, President.
J. W. Meminger, Secretary.
Eugene L. McLean, Treasurer.

Exhibit VIII

CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The closing of our regular fiscal year, April 30, 1937, and the meeting of the committee of 12, June 9th, 1937, made it impossible for your board to meet until June 10th.

Although conditions at the Publishing House have not changed materially, yet we have been able in the past two years to bring some relief to certain credit tensions.

The loss of Christian World sales, reduction in Sunday School literature, new arrangement of Cleveland Board of Education in supplying some free books, reflect themselves in the sales of the past year. All this would consume the net loss in turnover of sales

During the past year there has been a reduction in interest rates of the majority of the bonds and the annuities.

Your synod is naturally interested in the report and action of General Synod's committee of 12, comprising representatives of all the existing Publication interests of the merged Church, to whom General Synod committed the matter of the Central Publishing House at its last session in Ft. Wayne, Ind., June, 1936.

This committee has met twice in Cleveland, meeting the first time on November 16, 1936, and then again on June 9th, 1937.

After reporting to the Executive Committee of General Synod, the Executive Committee took the following action: "To re-submit the report of the Special Committee on Central Publishing House to that Committee, with directions to have a thorough audit and complete inventory made, at the expense of the Executive Committee, and with further direction to prepare the terms and conditions on which the General Synod shall be asked to take over the control and management of the Central Publishing House.

The Board of Directors of Central Publishing House is requested to submit such plan to the synods owning the Publishing House for their approval, and, when such approval is obtained, to report such action to the Executive Committee for submission to the next General Synod.

In conformity with this action of the Executive Committee of the General Synod the Special Committee on the Central Publishing House engaged the services of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, a nationally known firm of accountants and inventory.

Another meeting of the Committee was held in Cleveland on June 9th, 1937, to review the results of the report on this examination, and in the light of the additional information thus secured took the following action.

This action was transmitted to our board, approved without a dissenting vote, and in accordance with the request of the Executive Committee of General Synod and the Special Committee presented to the Syncd for action.

Board of Directors, Central Publishing House,
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Committee voted unanimously

1. To reiterate its fcrmer recommendation that the General Synod take over the Central Publishing House provided the Synods owning the Central Publishing House agree.
2. To recommend that for the next few years, while the Synods owning Central Publishing House still exist, they continue the payment of interest on annuity agreements proportioned as at present and after they are dissolved, the General Synod assume such payments.
3. To recommend that the General Synod assume the bonded indebtedness of Central Publishing House (which in effect are serial nctes amounting to $49,036.66 as of April 30, 1937).
4. To transmit through the Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House to the Synods owning the Central Publishing Hcuse excerpts from the report of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, including
   a. The comparative balance sheets as at April 30, 1937 and April 30, 1936, showing the changes in assets and liabilities during the year ended April 30, 1937.
   b. The profit and lcss account for the year ended April 30, 1937.
   c. The comparative balance sheets as of April 30, 1936, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932.

Financial position: The following comparative balance sheets as at April 30, 1937 and April 30, 1936 show the changes in assets and liabilities during the year ended April 30, 1937:

ASSETS

	April 30, 1937	April 30, 1936	Increases	Decreases
Cash on hand and deposits in banks	$ 437.58	$ 191.02	$ 246.56	
Accounts receivable, net of reserves	8,156.13	11,742.16		3,586.03
Inventories, less reserve	44,446.79	61,985.55		17,538.76
Total current assets	53,040.50	73,918.73		20,878.23
Buildings and equipment	291,575.18	281,918.60	9,656.58	
Less Reserve for depreciation	98,857.86	88,961.94	9,895.92	
	192,717.32	192,956.66		239.34
Land	14,770.83	14,770.83		
Dwelling house and garages	3,403.46	3,410.36		6.90
Total fixed	210,891.61	211,137.85		246.24
Prepaid insurance, postage and sales tax	173.24	704.82		531.58
	264,105.35	285,761.40		21,656.05

LIABILITIES

Notes payable	12,450.00	14,710.00		2,260.00
Accounts payable	16,302.13	13,561.80	2,740.33	
Accrued expenses	29,513.86	29,598.39		84.53
Total current liabilities	58,265.99	57,870.19	395.80	
Real estate taxes deferred	5,383.60		5,383.60	
Notes payable Board of Christian Education	18,960.43	24,960.43		6,000.00
First real estate mortgage payable	39,000.00	39,000.00		
Bonds payable	49,036.66	49,936.66		900.00
Annuity bonds	57,300.00	56,000.00	1,300.00	
Surplus	36,158.67	57,994.12		21,835.45
	$264,105.35	$285,761.40		$21,656.05

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended April 30, 1937

Sales		$117,658.16
Cost of sales:		
Inventory beginning of period	$ 61,985.55	
Purchases	64,922.40	
Direct labor	23,047.72	
Overhead	4,655.94	
	154,611.61	
Less, Inventory end of period	69,446.79	85,164.82
Gross profit		32,493.34
Operating expenses:		
Manager's salary	2,500.00	
Office salaries	4,414.90	
Shipping wages	2,737.99	
Retail store wages	970.00	
Advertising	944.06	
Traveling	232.63	
Auditing	350.00	
Shipping supplies	583.17	
Telephone and telegraph	384.99	
Contributions	161.51	
Postage	1,654.83	
Legal and miscellaneous	1,156.29	
Automobile	181.81	
Bad debts	201.95	
Insurance	201.95	
Taxes	5,508.97	
Sales tax	48.40	23,031.18
Profit from operations before other income and deductions and depreciation		9,462.16
Other income:		
Donations	7,958.03	
Rents received	301.50	
Discount earned	24.06	
Miscellaneous	1.56	8,285.15
Profit before other deductions and depreciation		17,747.31

Other deductions:		
Interest on long term debt and annuity bonds	5,824.75	
Interest on notes and mortgages payable....	4,740.40	
Discount allowed	12,95	10,578.10
Profit before depreciation		7,169.21
Depreciation		9,895.92
Net loss		$ 2,726.71

CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS—APRIL 30, 1936, 1935, 1934, 1933, and 1932

(Prepared from audit reports of independent practicing accountant)

ASSETS

	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932
Current:					
Cash on hand and deposits in banks	$191.02			$ 420.39	$ 933.69
Notes receivable			$ 948.00	900.00	900.00
Accounts receivable, net of reserve for bad debts, etc.	11,742.16	$13,113.06	26,271.04	21,688.33	21,670.13
Inventories	61,985.55	63,255.03	107,325.56	102,676.65	104,515.82
Total current	73,918.73	76,368.09	134,544.60	125,685.37	128,019.64
Fixed:					
Buildings and equipment	281,918.60	279,852.98	290,490.31	282,489.05	281,578.77
Less, Reserve for depreciation	88,961.94	82,377.73	56,175.82	56,175.82	56,175.82
	192,956.66	197,475.25	234,314.49	226,313.23	225,402.95
Land	14,770.83	14,770.83	14,770.83	14,770.83	14,770.83
Dwelling house & garages	3,410.36	3,410.36	3,410.36	3,403.46	3,403.46
Total fixed	211,137.85	215,656.44	252,495.68	244,487.52	243,577.24
Prepaid insurance, postage and sales tax	704.82	1,057.37	170.55	215.78	41.50
Total assets	285,761.40	293,081.90	387,210.83	370,388.67	371,638.38

LIABILITIES

	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932
Current:					
Bank overdraft		126.30	1,104.44		
Notes payable, bank, with second mortgage as collateral	9,000.00	12,000.00	13,550.00	15,400.00	17,600.00
Notes payable, others	5,710.00	7,494.00	8,595.00	4,200.00	4,650.00
Accounts payable, trade	12,761.80	11,749.16	17,251.67	51,462.90	32,826.56
Accounts payable, Mid-West Synod	800.00	800.00			
Wages accrued	7,545.93	9,974.40	12,335.81		
Taxes accrued	13,819.00	8,717.39	5,281.70	1,043.88	530.50
Interest accrued	8,233.46	5,528.66	2,454.10	1,809.95	1,834.68
Total current	57,870.19	56,389.91	60,572.72	73,916.73	57,441.74
Notes payable, Board of Christian Education	24,960.43	30,960.43	36,960.43		
First real estate mortgage payable	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00
Bonds payable	49,936.66	49,936.66	63,136.66	63,136.66	62,386.66
Total liabilities	171,767.28	176,287.00	199,669.81	176,053.39	158,828.40

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

Annuity bonds	56,000.00	56,195.00	43,945.00	44,445.00	43,945.00
Endowments			100.00	14,905.13	15,125.61
Surplus	57,994.12	60,599.90	143,496.02	134,985.15	153,739.37
Total capital and surplus	113,994.12	116,794.90	187,541.02	194,335.28	212,809.98
Total liabilities, capital and surplus	$285,761.40	$293,081.90	$387,210.83	$370,388.67	$371,638.38

5. To transmit also the accompanying letter from the accountants.

Cleveland, O., June 10, 1937

Dr. Henry I. Stahr,
Chairman, Special Committee,
General Synod,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Stahr:

On June 8, 1937, we submitted a report upon an examination of the financial statements of the Central Publishing House of the Reformed Church in the United States as at April 30, 1937. You have asked us to summarize briefly the facts disclosed by that report for the purpose of giving you some basis upon which to predicate the future policy of your committee with respect to the Publishing House.

Our report disclosed that for the year ended April 30, 1932, the percentage of gross profit to sales was 18.5 whereas the percentage of gross profit to sales for the year ended April 30, 1937 was 27.6. During the period from April 30, 1932 to April 30, 1937, there was a reduction of operating expenses of approximately $4,600. In spite of the increase in the percentage of gross profit and the reduction in expenses, the Publishing House showed a net loss for the year ended April 30, 1937, after providing for depreciation, of $2,726.71.

In our opinion, the foregoing facts indicate that, if the operations of the Publishing House are to be put on a profitable basis, the unit volume of sales should be substantially increased. It appears highly improbable that any further important economies can be effected in either the cost of sales or the operating expenses. It follows, therefore, that only by an increase in the dollar volume of sales can the net operating results be improved.

We are not in a position at the present time to express an opinion as to the possibility of increasing the unit volume of sales. In fact, your committee is in a better position to estimate the possibilities of such an increase. We would point out, however, that for the year ended April 30, 1932 the sales amounted to $127,783.38 and for the year ended April 30, 1937 to $117,658.16. Between these two dates, sales declined approximately $10,000.

We are not in a position to express an opinion as to the possibility or desirability of increasing the prices of the publications. Your committee, however, should be able to determine whether such an increased price would be desirable and, if so, whether it would result in a net increase in the dollar volume of sales.

It is apparent that there is a lack of sufficient net working capital which has been largely tied up in inventories, and the working capital has been decreasing every year as evidenced by the following comparison of the amount of net working capital at April 30 of each of the fiscal years:

Year	*Amount*
1932	$70 577.90
1933	51 768.64
1934	73 971.88
1935	19 978.18
1936	16 048.54
1937	5 225.49

The deficiency in working capital for the year ended April 30, 1937 is after providing a reserve of $25,000 for obsolete and slow moving merchandise in the inventory.

The net worth of the corporation has steadily decreased over the period of six years as shown below:

1932	212 809.98
1933	194 335.28
1934	187 541.02
1935	116 794.90
1936	113 994.12
1937	93 458.67

The company, as at April 30, 1937, is delinquent in payment of its personal and classified property and real estate taxes, accrued payroll and interest on bonds payable and annuity bonds.

Yours very truly,
LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

REW: NS

6. To recommend that the General Synod through the Board of Business Management, which is to be formed after the adoption of the new constitution, determine the future status of the Central Publishing House.
7. To instruct the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Henry I. Stahr, and the Secretary, Rev. E. E. Leibner, to transmit to the Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House the items of action taken in the meeting for presentation through this Board to the Synods owning the Central Publishing House.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY I. STAHR
E. E. LEIBNER

Your board has always been mindful of the fact that it was merely the agent and representative of the constituent synods, and must be governed by the voice and vote of these synods.

Whatever the Board may have failed to do in the past, yet it has been sincere in its attempt to create a situation where there will be such a unification of all our Publication Interests that will be for the best interests of the entire Church.

Let us then continue our same interests in and loyal support of the institutions of the Church in these significant years of transition and merger.

In the case of the Publishing House it would imply:

a. Purchase of our supplies and S. S. periodicals from the Central Publishing House.

b. Payment of the apportionment in full.

c. Payment of the interest on the annuities proportioned at 3c per member out of the contingent.

d. Election of representatives of the board.

Terms of the following have expired:
Synod of the Northwest: Rev. J. Bodenman
Ohio Synod: Elder H. C. Knecht, Akron, Ohio
Synod of the East: Rev. W. Sherman Kerschner
Mid-West Synod: Rev. David Grether

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. HOERNEMANN

AN EXPLANATION BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

By order of the Board of Directors of Central Publishing House, the report of the auditing firm, Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery, which made a special audit authorized by the Committee of 12, is this year substituted for our regular auditor's report.

This report does not agree in some items with the report of our regular auditor who is a certified public accountant and who has audited our books for 18 years.

Due to additional depreciation charges set up by the firm our fiscal year shows a loss whereas our regular audit shows a somewhat larger profit than that of a year ago. In explanation of some of these differences, I am including part of the text accompanying our regular audit in this statement to the Synods.

Respectfully,
P. WETZEL, Manager

Cleveland, Ohio.
June 11th, 1937.

Central Publishing House,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

After I had closed your books for your fiscal year ended April 30, 1937, Messrs. Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery, Accountants and Auditors, reporting direct to Dr. H. I. Stahr as Chairman of the Special Committee of the General Synod, (hereinafter referred to as the Auditors) made a detailed examination and a cash audit of your accounts for the past five years.

To adjust your book surplus to that shown on the balance sheet, it was necessary to charge your Surplus with $30,352.91.

(a) Auditors state in their report that "We were unable to obtain sufficient information to determine the amount of obsolete and slow moving material and merchandise included in the inventory. We have therefore provided an estimated reserve of $25,000.00 for such items."

In this connection I would state that $35,350.17 was charged to your Surplus two years ago to write out of your inventory obsolete merchandise, some of which has since been sold, indicating that it was not all obsolete. Please understand that setting up a reserve of $25,000.00 does not destroy the merchandise itself or any of its inherent value.

(b) The additional tax liability was set up by the Auditors for penalties which the county tax authorities had eliminated from your tax bills. These will, of course, be restored in case your house does not carry out its undertaking to pay its delinquent taxes in ten (10) annual installments.

(c) On May 15, 1937 the Board of Christian Education confirmed to me the debt of $18,960.43 with accrued interest to April 30, 1937 of $100.35. This accrued interest was raised by the Auditors to include the accumulated interest from May 15, 1933 to April 30, 1937 on the entire debt. This debt is payable at the rate of $1,500.00 quarterly, with accrued interest on each installment as it becomes due from the date of the note. No interest is payable until the note matures, and as there are no matured notes unpaid, there is no interest payable due at April 30, 1937.

On the contrary, as your Auditors state in their comments: "Should the publisher keep and perform all the terms and conditions of the agreement to pay all such notes as they become due, including the note due July 1, 1939, then the Board of Christian Education agrees to cancel unmatured notes amounting to $5,960.43." This amount is included in the $18,960.43 set up as a liability on your balance sheet, and the interest has been calculated on this total amount by the Auditors.

In simple language, the Auditors have taken the position that it is now necessary for them to show a real liability on your balance sheet for accrued interest which is not payable and which, if you carry out your agreement with the Board of Christian Education for the next two years as well as you have for the past four years,—will never have to be paid—and at the same time the Auditors did not see their way clear to give you credit in your balance sheet for a real reduction in liability two years hence, and both based on the same contract.

In my opinion, if you have survived under the handicaps of the past four years, you will certainly survive the next two, but I have thought it necessary to emphasize this discrepancy at this time so that no misapprehension will spread as to the amount of debt that will eventually have to be met in order for your house to be debt free.

WORKING CAPITAL:

Referring now to the letter of June 10th, 1937 from the Auditors to Dr. H. I. Stahr, Chairman of the Special Committee of General Synod in which they state that your sales volume declined $10,125.22 from $127,783.38 in 1932 to $117,658.16 in 1937.

Many causes of course can be found to explain this decline, but to start at the beginning:

(a) Your sales of Sunday School periodicals did drop from $44,926.37 to $34,176.03 or $10,750.34, but all church houses have had large losses in Sunday School periodical sales.

(b) When the merger of the CHRISTIAN WORLD with the MESSENGER was authorized by the Synods, the CHRISTIAN WORLD subscriptions were turned over to the Board of Christian Education without compensation to the Central Publishing House, hence the sales volume dropped from $8,654.08 to $47.94, a decrease of $8,604.29.

(c) The Central Publishing House had a contractual right to print the Almanac and Year Book which was turned over to the Eden Publishing House by the Board of Christian Education, resulting in a loss of sales volume based on the 1935 edition, of $1,720.00.

The sum of the foregoing three items amounts to.......... $21,074.63

hence to overcome a total loss in sales volume of.............. $10,125.22
it was necessary to go outside and secure new business to the amount of $10,949.41

In short, in order to overcome a decline of $21,074.00 in volume by matters which were beyond your control, you succeeded in increasing your volume in other lines which was very helpful to the Central Publishing House and kept it afloat.

Depreciation in your case is influenced also by the appraisal company basing its replacement costs on the higher values due to better business conditions. It is not a *Cash* loss, but is largely a matter of good judgment, and hence I have presented your Income per your books as closed by me.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. BREYER, C.P.A.

A FURTHER EXPLANATION BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Cleveland, Ohio, July 23, 1937

In the report of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery, the auditors for the committee of twelve state that they have set up a reserve of $25,000.00 for obsolete and slow moving merchandise in the inventory of the Central Publishing House.

In the report of E. W. Bryer, the auditor for Central Publishing House, reference is made to obsolete and slow moving inventory having been charged off two years ago to the extent of $35,350.17. The business manager, as well as the auditor, could not see the necessity of setting up an additional reserve of $25,000.00 after the amount referred to had already been charged off.

The committee of twelve appointed a special committee to make an independent inventory of the stock of Central Publishing House and this committee found that according to their judgment there was $6,436.73 slow-moving and $96.47 obsolete stock, a total of $6,533.20, in the original inventory. Deducting this sum from the tentative reserve of $25,000.00 set up by the firm of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery, it becomes evident that the amount of $18,466.80 should be added to the net worth as found in the report of the committee of twelve in order to give a true picture of this part of the financial status of Central Publishing House.

In addition, we would state that a true picture of the entire matter can only be given by taking into consideration the increased land values over book values, also book-plates and other valuable considerations which have not been considered by the auditors appointed by the committee of twelve.

Respectfully submitted,

P. WETZEL, Manager

Exhibit IX

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Annual Statement of the Board of Christian Education

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting to our Synods and Classes a report on "the state of Christian Education in our Evangelical and Reformed Church," we are in fact bringing to them this year an incidental report on "the state of the union." We say this because the year 1936 will go down in the history of our Church as the period in which "the merger of mind and heart" has actually become a reality so far as the denominational ministry of Christian Education is concerned. Last year at this time three educational boards of our Church were each operating independently—each planning its own program and each executing that program independently of the other. Today these three boards, by joint agreement and with special authorization from General Synod, have completely merged their staffs, their programs and their finances and are now together building a unified program and making a united approach to a rapidly uniting church. It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God and with sincere humility that we record this very real and significant progress.

In the interest of efficient service to our entire constituency, it was decided to maintain offices both in Philadelphia and St. Louis. Executive offices were established in Philadelphia and editorial offices in St. Louis. Commenting upon this arrangement, one of the officers of General Synod recently wrote: "I am very happy to know that the work of Christian Education in our Church has been so happily unified. Perhaps it was providential that the first board which unified its work was in a position to satisfy both our eastern and our western constituencies." The fact that the extensive service of these merging boards has gone on uninterruptedly throughout this entire period of transition is another very gratifying observation. May we express to all ministers and to all church and church school workers our sincere appreciation for the cooperation and encouragement which they so generously extended and which in no small measure has made possible this very satisfactory readjustment.

But now to the work which has been accomplished during the past year and to the future service which our strategic position demands if we are to keep faith with our church and with our God! Significant and encouraging are three trends which seem to be notably in the forefront of our own work as well as the work of Christian Education in general:

1. A trend toward integration, correlation and unification of purpose and program within and between age group areas.—"We need one church."
2. A trend toward making our teaching specific.—"Religion must be practical."

3. A trend away from an over emphasis of method and technique and toward the development of a leadership that focuses its attention on the only justifiable goal—the spiritual development of persons.

Adults

Singular and significant is the recent organization of a Correlating Council on Adult Education. This Council brings together representatives of all adult work agencies in our denomination and makes possible a correlated adult program of education for our church. Using the agencies which are today operative, this co-operative approach will help to avoid dissipation of adult effort and will make for concerted and more effective group action. Already a three year cycle of adult study units has been agreed upon—this series to begin with the last quarter of the current year. Such progress certainly reflects the beginning of a United Christian Adult Movement which, as it gains strength, will be able to wield tremendous spiritual influence within and without organized religion.

Youth

Youth activities, likewise, are being correlated, and constant thought is being given to the procedure of unifying the creative processes which build groups together in the fellowship of great common tasks and causes. "Thy Kingdom Come"—a bulletin of suggestions for Youth Leaders, "News for Leaders of Youth"—a quarterly publication for Youth workers, "The Student," a periodic publication sent to college students, a series of study units for which resource materials are prepared and regularly published in our Youth papers, and such general service programs as those recently prepared for the Confirmation Reunion Service and for Young People's Day are all evidences of the efforts that are being made to provide a central focus for youth's scattered energies. It has many times been said that the future of a church lies in its youth, but it may just as truly be said that the future of youth lies in what the church does or fails to do for it.

Children

Now as we come to a consideration of children's work we cannot boast of even meeting the most basic requirements. In the past both the "R" and the "E" branches of our church have employed directors of children's work but during the very lean years their services had to be discontinued. Yet the fact remains that there are more children in our Sunday Schools than young people and adults. There is a most urgent need for skilled direction in this particular area. Insufficient funds make this a real problem.

Leadership Training

Leadership training in our church is unquestionably on the increase, if we may judge by the growing demand from local churches and community schools for help and guidance, or if we are to gage interest by the steady increase in summer school and camp attendance. Some of our schools this past summer set all time high attendance records. Our statistics for a period of years shows that we have been serving more folk

booklet, setting forth in detail such service, as well as listing other assistance which the staff is prepared to offer, has been published by the three co-operating boards, under the title "Christian Education Lays Patterns for Christian Co-operative Living." We commend to you this piece of literature for your careful study.

First National Conference

An event that promises to be of great strategic importance to the new church is the oncoming First National Conference on Christian Education to be held at Lakeside, Ohio, June 28-July 1. "A new Church for a New World" is to be the challenging theme. The program will face squarely the task of the Christian church in the modern world. Outstanding Christian leaders will guide the discussion and help lay plans for action. A great Youth Congress, meeting simultaneously, will consider Youth's special responsibility. Provision has been made for thirty different discussion groups, four great mass meetings, diversified recreation under skilled direction, exhibits and demonstratons. Planned and sponsored by the Boards of Christian Education and the Evangelical League, this conference bids fair to become "a meeting of kindred minds bent on Christian action" and a most significant event in the early history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Everyone in the entire Church who is interested in the program of the Church and especially in the work of Christian education is invited. We earnestly hope that Classes, through their Classical Committees on Christian Education will lay careful plans for large and representative delegations.

Our Business and Real Estate Departments

Although the year 1936 has not seen any drastic upward trend in our Business and Real Estate operations, yet if we interpret recent developments rightly, it would seem reasonable to venture the opinion that we have reached the peak of our low and are now gradually emerging. With the same fine loyalty to our Book Store and Periodical Department which many of our churches have so generously demonstrated in the past—and with the increasing support of others, some of whom have been shopping elsewhere, our Business statement for the year 1937 should show a substantial improvement. We are happy to report that the indebtedness of the Central Publishing House to the Board of Christian Education has been reduced to $19,460.43 as of March 31, 1937. The Schaff Building is at the present writing eighty-eight percent rented, which is exceptionally good as office buildings in Philadelphia go. Of course the difficulty which we face is the low rental rate; but in this respect too we are hopeful. Only to the degree in which these departments yield a profit and to the extent to which apportionment funds are increased can the real work of Christian Education be advanced.

In the final analysis business and real estate, organization and technique dare only be incidental to the real task, to the ultimate goal. At best these can only be means to an end. If they become more than that the become walls rather than ways—blocks rather than bridges. The task of Christian education is primary and all essential—for in effect it is the task of the Christian religion, the ultimate goal of which is "to bring

each season. At the present time, through our summer activities—not inclusive of special conferences or conventions—we reach nearly two thousand different people each summer. And yet we could almost double our present summer training school constituency if we could meet the demand to provide more training centers. This, however, involves a subsidy for which funds are not available.

Field

Field work is an area—like the Children's Work field—in which we need to make a substantial advance. In a denomination of our size, with a constituency of about a million people, there should be not less than five full time persons who could spend their entire time in the field, going into local churches and church schools and helping them to work out their educational problems on home soil. However, instead of five, we have one. Increased apportionment could solve this problem.

Editorial

At present our editorial department is publishing some forty odd different Christian periodicals. For some time this department has been ready to supplant a number of its present publications with new, better and more attractive merged materials, thereby more adequately meeting present needs. Unfortunately this advance has been blocked by a circumstance outside of board control. I refer to the publishing house situation. Not until the publishing problem has been finally adjusted is there a likelihood that drastic changes can be made in Christian educational periodicals. We earnestly trust that every possible effort will be made by those who control this situation to speed the day when this advance can be made a reality.

Missionary Education

Another co-operative venture which bids fair to unify and correlate the missionary educational work of several boards and agencies is the recent establishment of the Co-operative Council on Missionary Education. Co-operating in this enterprise are the Boards of Foreign Missions, the Boards of Home Missions, the Boards of Christian Education, the Women's Union, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Churchmen's Brotherhood. The Council's general function is "to plan for and carry out co-operatively the integration of the missionary elements into a total co-ordinated educational program." The Rev. Mr. David Baker of Baltimore was tendered a call to the directorship of this co-operative work and we are delighted to announce that he has accepted. He will take up his new duties June 1, 1937. His training, his experience and his missionary zeal uniquely and admirably qualify him for this important post.

Special Service

The special services of the board such as, the lending library, the picture department, the stereopticon slide and film library, pamphlet service, special day literature, and personal guidance in local problems —all these regular helps have been consistently offered with ever increasing response. In some instances activity has doubled. A very helpful

about the development of Christian persons and a Christian society." The development of Christian personality is the objective—personality built upon a belief in a real and living God and a Christian interpretation of life—personality growing out of an assimilation of the best religious experience of the race, an ever deepening understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus and a constant and intimate relationship with him—and personality leading toward the further establishment of a truly spiritual church and a Christian order embodying the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Anything less than this is not worthy to be called Christian Education.

It is a steadying influence to read and reread our board's statement of function as it is written in the new constitution:

> "It shall be the duty of the Board of Christian Education and Publication to develop, promote and direct a comprehensive and unified program of Christian Education in the denomination, to the end that the tenets of the Christian religion may become the controlling principle of life. This program shall adequately provide for all the people of all the churches—children, youth and adults. It shall embrace all areas and phases of Christian life development and service, and it shall be cast not primarily with reference to existing institutions or agencies but rather with reference to the needs of persons—their understandings, their attitudes, their ideals, their convictions, their relationships to God and to society."

To accept such an interpretation of Christian Education is indeed challenging yet humbling. But to accept a less comprehensive interpretation would indeed be a betrayal of our trust. In order that we may keep the course we earnestly pray for a rich measure of divine guidance, for we recognize the truth of those lines of Albert Gold:

> "Snagged barbs, snarled lines,
> Torn sails! What fishers we!
> Teach us thy skill
> O Man of Galilee."

Of our Synods and Classes we respectfully request a continuation of the splendid financial support they have been giving this work in the past, as manifested by their apportionment monies, the total of which in 1936 amounted to $26,248.98. We earnestly trust that the amount for 1937 may even be greater, for there are many advances that need to be made and much basic work yet to be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KEPPEL, Executive Secretary.
Board of Christian Education.
Board of Religious Education.
Evangelical League Board.

Exhibit X

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest — 1936-1937

To the reverend Synod of the Northwest.

Your Board of Education (Erziehungsbehoerde) herewith presents its annual report, with gratitude to the great Head of the Church for His grace during the past year and with appreciation for the co-operation given by the members of Synod in the great and increasingly difficult work of Christian education, the most fundamental task, we believe, for the Church and the home.

I. *Reports of the Classes*

Milwaukee Classis reports four Heidelberg League Conferences, with an average attendance of more than one hundred. Because of road conditions during the winter, a proposed Sunday school convention was not held. S.S. membership shows an increase, despite a loss in the Young Peoples' Department. Enrollment in Daily Vacation Bible Schools was 148 less. Several churches have teacher training classes; a school of leadership training was held at Sauk City. Three Sunday schools took part in the Stewardship Essay Contest. Waukesha has a weekday school of religion for grades four, five, and six, one hour per week.

Minnesota Classis held two conferences on Christian education during 1936. One charge reports that religious training in the home must be stressed more, that parents must assume more responsibility; another reports that parents still desire for their children a thorough religious training; still another says that in the face of powerful worldly attractions pastors are challenged to guard the Christian home. — Apparently only four charges had sent in reports on education.

In Nebraska Classis the work of education was hindered by vacancies in a number of congregations. Peace Church of Norfolk introduced a cradle roll and organized an adult Bible class. Immanuel of Sutton is using graded material. Five churches held vacation Bible schools. In Salem of Humboldt the entire resident membership is enrolled in the Sunday school. Besides men's Bible classes there are no men's organizations in the classis. Another joint educational conference with the Nebraska District (E) is planned; an Interdenominational Training School for Older Youth is announced. The findings of the synodical conference on Adult Christian Education were sent to every pastor, and this program was endorsed.

In Ursinus Classis three leadership training classes were started but had to be discontinued because of weather conditions or lack of interest; in one church teachers and officers drove thirty-five miles to attend a county leadership training school. A Sunday school convention is held annually.

The twenty-seven Sunday schools of South Dakota Classis report a decrease of 230 in enrollment; twenty-one of these meet every Sunday, the others only when the pastor is present. The language used still is mainly German. Sixteen Bible classes are reported, most of them studying books of the New Testament. In ten congregations summer schols were held, with a total enrollment of 210. Classis annually conducts a conference for young people.

From the very brief report of Portland-Oregon Classis we gather that there is considerable interest in the training of teachers. A Leadership Training School at Boring, Ore., (E) is recommended; the S.S. Conference is to be held under the supervision of the committee on Christian education; training institutes in local churches are advised; etc.

In the Eureka Classis the Zeeland Charge reports successful English evening services held especially for young people. The report of the Upham-Lincoln Valley charge deplores the large amount of time spent in learning German, so that little time can actually be devoted to religious instruction. Hosmer reports much interest and diligence on the part of youth; the Eureka charge the same. Zahn's *Bible Stories* and the Catechism appear to be the chief texts used in this classis.

In most of the rural churches of the West Canada Classis the Sunday School consists of one class taught by the pastor, and the parents are present as listeners and profess to gain much from the instruction. Catechetical classes must devote much of their time to Bible stories, in order to lay a foundation. The young peoples' societies of classis, though not as specifically Christian as they ought to be, are reported to be a blessing to the congregations.

California Classis deplores modern distractions in the homes which leave no time for devotions, and realizes that the Sunday school is, after all, a weak substitute for a full-time program of religious education. Some missionary charges, it seems, do not have confirmation classes. A copy of the report on education is to be placed in every home.

The report of Sheboygan Classis had not arrived when this was written.

In general the classes have adopted the recommendations of Synod. Several reports commend the work of Dr. Krampe and the "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism." The financial support of our work is stressed.

II. *Activities of the Board*

Our Director, Dr. E. G. Krampe, spent a busy year, as his detailed reports to your Board show. He conducted or taught in teacher training projects at the M. H. Missionary Conference, Sauk City, Menomonee Falls, Sheboygan, Wis., and St. Peter, Minn. (E) and also gave a few correspondence courses. In three of the classes be led a total of five seminars for pastors, devoted to the problems of adult education. The Heidelberg League is continuing under his guidance, and he attended most of the regional meetings as well as the general meeting. Besides taking part in the sessions of three classes, of the International Commission of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, etc., he had personal con-

ferences with pastors, teachers, and local groups, to help them solve their problems, gave a series of lectures on Christian education in the Mission House Seminary, and carried on a large correspondence. Your Board appreciates the welcome and co-operation given to our Director at all hands.

Copies of the findings of the synodical conference on Christian education were sent to the classical committees on education.

The "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" is to be completed, God willing, during the summer; we hope to have copies ready for your inspection at this meeting.

Two members of your Board, Dr. Wessler and Prof. Grether, had the privilege, by invitation, to address the S. S. Convention of Ursinus Classis.

We thank Synod sincerely for providing a mimeograph for the use of our Director; your Board is at present attempting to secure a serviceable machine at a reasonable price.

For the synodical conference on Christian education your Board offers as the topic to be discussed: „Gaining the co-operation of the home in Christian education."

III. *Recommendations*

For your consideration and adoption we offer the following resolutions:—

1. That all pastors and consistories be asked to devote special attention to the matter of securing the co-operation of the home in Christian education.

2. That classical committees on education be urged to organize seminars for the study of specific problems in Christian education, perhaps on the basis of such questions as why the family altar is not observed as it should be. Another matter that should be considered is co-operation with the public schools in character building through religion, such co-operation as the "Iowa Clubs" are fostering in that state.

3. That churches and schools be asked to support the work of our Board more liberally through the Children's Day offering and the apportionment.

4. That pastors using the "Workbook to the Heidelberg Catechism" be again urged to offer their criticisms and suggestions on the basis of their experience with it, so that it may be made more usable and effective.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Education
ALVIN GRETHER, Secretary

Plymouth, Wis. July 2, 1937

Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest for the Year 1936

I. *Income*

1. Contributions from congregations:

Sheboygan Classis	$ 538.46	
Milwaukee Classis	337.96	
Minnesota Classis	104.75	
Nebraska Classis	24.25	
Ursinus Classis	24.91	
South Dakota Classis	40.80	
Portland Oregon Classis	31.24	
West Canada Classis	10.77	
Eureka Classis	... .	
California Classis	... .	
		$1,113.14

2. Receipts from other sources:

Interest	$ 100.00	
Personal gift	50.00	
Portland Oregon Classis' S. S. Convention	5.00	
Leadership Training Projects	113.10	
Heidelberg League	39.07	
Workbook to Heidelberg Catechism sales	30.57	
		$ 337.74
Total Income		$1,450.88

II. *Expenses*

Board of Chr. Education of Gen. Synod	$1,051.38	
Leadership Training Projects	125.87	
Source materials for instructors	9.60	
Library, Postage	2.76	
Library, Books	38.16	
Heidelberg League	43.75	
Pastors' Seminars	3.00	
Workbooks for Heidelberg Catechism	49.20	
Paper, Postage, Stencils etc.	39.68	
Total Expense		$1,363.40

III. *Summary*

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1936	$1,389.29	
Total receipts	1,450.88	
		$2,840.17
Total expenditures	$1,363.40	
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1937	1,476.77	
		$2,840.17

IV. *Investments*

Bonds—Board of Home Missions	$2,000.00	
		$2,000.00

E. G. Krampe, Treasurer

Examined and found correct,
July 1, 1937
Alvin Grether.
E. H. Wessler.

Exhibit XI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Statement of the Executive Committee of General Synod

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The meeting of the General Synod in June of last year revealed very clearly the spirit of unity in our Evangelical and Reformed Church. In the discussion of the Constitution, which continued for more than three days, it was evident that everyone desired to write into that instrument just what is best for the whole Church. The Constitution is now before the Classes and Districts for their approval. Plans for the merging of Classes and Districts will follow and will be brought before the General Synod next year.

The Boards of Christian Education of the "R" group, of Religious Education of the "E" group, and of the Evangelical League have merged their work and now meet as one Board. The Reformed Churchmen's League and the Evangelical Brotherhood united last August and are now the Churchmen's Brotherhood. The Board of International Missions, constituted of representatives of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the two groups, plans united work, although the two Boards also meet separately and administer their own work. Merger plans of other Boards and agencies are being formulated and it is anticipated that when the General Synod meets next year united Boards can be established.

The Executive Committee has fixed Wednesday, June 22, 1938, at 7:45 P.M., for the opening session of the meeting of the next General Synod. St. John's (Evangelical) Church, Columbus, Ohio, was chosen by the General Synod as the place for the meeting.

Progress is being made in their work by the Committees on Hymnal and on Book of Worship. The Committee on Hymnal is expecting to complete its work and present the results of its labors to the General Synod next year.

The Committee on Correlation and Promotion, a sub-committee of the Executive Committee, co-relates the promotional programs and schedules of all the Boards and agencies. It has three committees,—on Literature, which prepares booklets like *The Evangelical and Reformed Church, What We Are and What We Do,* the church-offering envelope messages, *New Church News,* etc.; on Visual Presentation, which prepares posters, exhibits and illustrated lectures; and on Field Work, which committee works with and through the Synodical, Classical and District, and congregational Kingdom Service Committees. Under the auspices of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion conferences were held at Pittsburgh last September and the previous September of the chairmen and members of Classical and District Kingdom Service Committees. These two conferences were most helpful in uniting the work of the Church and gave it great impetus. Fellowship was an important feature of both conferences and provided an opportunity for the

men of each group to see the high type of those carrying on the work in the other group. The necessity for an advance movement is universally recognized and plans have been made to press forward. This year aggressive work must be done in the Classes and Districts, under the leadership of their Kingdom Service Committees.

The Budgets of the Evangelical Synod and of the Reformed Church have been on different bases. The proportions for the several causes vary widely. Some of the "R" educational institutions have had apportionments in the Synods and Classes while the "E" educational institutions have shared in their general denominational budget. The methods of assigning apportionments or quotas have been somewhat different. The Evangelical and Reformed Church stands practically alone among all the denominations as the only one that bases its apportionments or quotas solely upon a per capita system. We now have a committee of eight, including pastors of both groups, which is making a careful study of these problems. It will highly appreciate suggestions from any quarter.

Changes have been made in the Special Days and Periods for the several Boards and causes. The Foreign Mission Period was lengthened, and culminated on the second Sunday of February. The period for Ministerial Relief this year was from April 15 to May 9th, and for Christian Education, May 15th to June 13th. The period for Home Missions comes early this year—from September 15th to October 10th. Church Paper Day is unchanged—the third Sunday in October (the 17th). The Kingdom Roll Call will be made on November 21st. The whole matter of Special Days and Periods is being restudied, with a view to fullest co-operation with the programs and schedules of the congregations.

There is a revival of Christian Stewardship throughout our Church. The wider scope of Stewardship is kept in mind, but the emphasis just now is on the Stewardship of Possessions—money. The Belmont Covenant Plan, which was used by a number of the denominations last year, is to have members give tithes of their incomes for a certain number of weeks for the work of the Church. Many of our congregations have just made a start. The Executive Committee will continue this emphasis on proportionate giving, assisting congregations with a "Temporary Tithing Plan" during the last six weeks of 1937. Congregations use many schemes for "raising money" which are in conflict with the true spirit of Christian giving and Stewardship. The Executive Committee believes that worship-giving is the ideal method of support and extension of the Church and disapproves of the raising of money by any questionable methods, such as card parties or lotteries, and recommends that all our congregations commit themselves to this policy.

The Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest had wider participation this year than ever before. There were requests for nearly seven thousand of the packets and there were contestants in forty-six Classes and fifteen Districts.

The contributions of the Church to the missionary and benevolent causes are increasing, but very slowly—not at all in proportion to the increase in the incomes of our people. The Church was most sympathetic with its members throughout the depression. Of course people who had

no income were not expected to give and those whose incomes were greatly reduced were told that smaller gifts were expected from them. We made it too easy, however, for other people not to give, especially for the denominational work. Now we are suffering. The time has come when our members should be encouraged to give "as they have prospered" to the missionary and benevolent causes, as well as to the expenses of the congregations.

Several "R" churches were seriously damaged by the flood. So far, comparatively little money for their repair has been contributed by our "R" churches. The "E" folks have given almost the entire $50,000 needed for restoring "E" buildings. Our Church was asked for $900 for the Central Bureau of Relief of European Churches and for the Relief of Christian German Refugees. Almost the entire amount has been received. The Executive Committee is studying how to provide more promptly and more adequately for such emergency and special relief.

The special committee on the Central Publishing House has been asked to go more deeply into its financial condition and to devise a plan for solution. It is expected that this matter will be brought separately to the attention of the owning Synods.

Unification of the statistics of the united Church is proceeding. All of the blanks should be filled in and returned immediately after the close of the calendar year. This year's volume, containing statistics for 1936, will be somewhat smaller than last year's. Further criticisms and suggestions regarding the statistical forms are invited by the Executive Committee.

Our Church is making steady progress. A great door is opened unto us, and there are many adversaries. The great Head of the Church is calling us to renewed consecration and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee of the General Synod

GEORGE W. RICHARDS, Chairman.

WILLIAM E. LAMPE, Secretary.

Exhibit XII

CHURCHMAN'S BROTHERHOOD

A Report of the Churchmen's Brotherhood

To the Reverend Ohio Synod.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Since the last meeting of your reverend Synod the Reformed Churchmen's League has merged with the Evangelical Brotherhood and constituted the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

The Executive Committee of the Reformed Churchmen's League desires to thank your Synod for the good-will and co-operation which you have given during the years of its life. The spirit with which you encouraged and supported that work was, in large measure, responsible for the success which crowned our efforts to establish men's work in our Reformed Church.

We hope we may carry over into our new associative life that same fine spirit of good-will and cooperation and experience the friedliness and growing interest in our work on the part of your Synod.

Thru the merger we have grown strong numerically. In our national organization of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD we now have 630 Chapters with more than 27,000 men enrolled as members. This is slightly over 10% of the great number of men we have in our Evangelical and Reformed Church, which is in itself a challenge to aggressive work on the part of our national organization.

The officers of the national organization are: President, W. H. Witthaus, Vice Presidents, E. S. Fretz, D. J. Snyder, Secretary, F. W. Bickson, and Treasurer, H. W. Schultheis, Baltimore, Md.

Through the merger we have now established two offices of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD: a Western office located at Eden Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., with the Rev. H. L. Streich as Secretary, and an Eastern office located in the Schaff Building, Philadelphia, Pa., with Dr. J. M. G. Darms as Secretary.

To each office is assigned one territory, the dividing line being the border of Ohio.

The Western territory comprises everything west of Ohio, to the Gulf of Mexico, the Pacific Ocean and including Canada; the Eastern territory east of Ohio to, and including the Atlantic States. In Ohio each group will work among its own constituents as now organized.

These huge territories might well command the continuous attention of two Secretaries, each working on half time, and thus reducing traveling and other expenses, and making contacts possible. The whole territory is too large for one Secretary at this point, when there is yet so much pioneer work to be done East and West. A working program is being

established as quickly as practical and should prove serviceable to the cause of linking up the 200,000 men in organized fellowship and activity in support of the whole denominational program of our Evangelical and Reformed Church. We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:—

1—To approve the establishment of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD through the merger of the Reformed Churchmen's League and the Evangelical Brotherhood, and to cooperate heartily with the board of Directors in making the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD an organization for the development and coordination of our man-power in the church and for the support of the whole denominational program, locally and denominationally.

2—To approve of the territorial division as made by the national Board of Directors.

3—To recommend through the Classis, to every Consistory, to organize a Chapter of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD, or where men's organizations are established, such as men's Bible Classes or Clubs, to encourage these to link up definitely and actively with the national organization of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

4—To approve of the efforts now made by the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD, to cooperate with the leaders and program of the new Adult Movement as far as this is possible and feasible under the Constitution of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

5—That your reverend Synod approve of the holding of an Area Convention for all men, as now planned to be held at Salem Church, Harrisburg, in the month of May, 1938, for the Eastern District of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD and of Area Conventions to be held in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Texas in the fall of 1937.

6—Through the Classis, to recommend the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD and its important and growing work to the churches and interested laymen for generous support.

7—Through the Classis to recommend to every Consistory and church, attendance upon Men's Retreats, Men's Congresses and other group meetings held under supervision of Synodical and Classical Committees and in cooperation with the national Board of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

8—To encourage the Synodical Committee composed of members appointed by the Synod and the Chairman of Classical Committees to meet during the year and cooperate with the national Board in promoting the work of the CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. G. DARMS, Secretary at Philadelphia Office.

March 22, 1937.

Exhibit XIII

THE MESSENGER

Annual Statement of "The Messenger"

To the Reverend Ohio Synod.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Our merged Church paper closed its first volume in January, and at this writing has had a history of fourteen months. It has a combined circulation of about 20,000 and is faced with serious problems and a number of the early discouragements which have been the experience of all Church paper mergers. For some reason, in spite of improved financial conditions throughout the land, the past year has proved unusually difficult for those interested in the circulation of denominational papers. This is evidenced by reports from the leading publication houses, where practically all show a lesser number of new subscriptions than in the previous year. One of the *Advocates* of the Methodist Episcopal Church has just reported 500 new subscriptions in 1936 as over against thousands secured the year before.

We have come to the place in American life when the Church paper is about the only medium through which some facts can be placed before the public. Only in the religious press can Christians hope to get guidance in making up their minds as to the Christian viewpoint concerning industrial disputes, labor troubles and social reforms, international relations, the liquor traffic, the motion picture business, and the many other problems of this age.

Much of the current secular literature accessible to every American community threatens the manners and the morals of our young people. The Church paper is a providential factor for the cleansing and correcting of the moral and aesthetic standards and ideals of children and young people whose convictions and tastes are so largely formed by the experiences of their leisure time.

We are living in a period of critical significance for the moral and religious life of our people in the years to come. The question for wide-awake and thoughtful parents to consider is whether or not they can afford to deprive themselves and their children of the cumulative influence for good of the weekly Church paper.

We cannot displace the daily paper, which in so many of its departments is disappointing, not to say demoralizing, but we can, all of us, if we will, put the Church paper, with its uplifting infiuences, right by the side of the secular paper.

The Church paper serves the entire Church and it is about time to give THE MESSENGER cordial recognition of this debt of gratitude. The recognition which will be appreciated most is a larger subscription list. When we try to boost the circulation we are not working for THE MESSENGER alone, but for the whole Church.

In the Philadelphia office the 1936 statistics on MESSENGER circulation are as follows: New subscriptions, 2,834 yearly, and 124 weekly, a total of 2,958; discontinuances, 822 yearly, and 701 weekly, a total of 1,523. This shows an increase of 1,435 which, all things considered, we count rather gratifying. Of the 2,834 new subscriptions above noted, 1,512 were former *Christian World* subscriptions which were entered when paid. A balance of 350 former *Christian World* subscribers are receiving THE MESSENGER, but remain to be heard from. The subscription list on Dec. 31, 1935 numbered 8,301; 1936 increase was 1,435. Adding the 340 *Christian World* subscriptions not yet paid, the total circulation as of Dec. 31, 1936 is 10,076 from the Philadelphia office.

Church Paper Day

In the Church Paper Day campaign, from Oct. 18, 1936 to Feb. 28, 1937, we have reports of the observance of this important day from 263 Charges, distributed as follows: Eastern Synod, 86; Ohio, 59; Potomac, 51; Pittsburgh, 31; Mid-West, 22; Northwest, 14. From these Charges the following number of new subscriptions were entered: Ohio, 267; Eastern 152; Potomac, 64; Mid-West, 55; Pittsburgh, 39; Northwest, 12. In addition to these annual subscriptions, 35 new weekly subscriptions were received from Potomac Synod and 5 from the Eastern Synod. Various communications were sent to every pastor, including a special appeal from a Committee of the Board appointed particularly to help increase the circulation.

We reiterate that we cannot understand why the reduction in the price of THE MESSENGER had comparatively little effect, when so many of our pastors had prophesied that it would mean the doubling of our subscription list.

Perhaps the most encouraging feature in connection with the circulation campaign is the growing number of interested and active congregational agents. In this connection we are glad to cite the special efforts of the Philadelphia Classis Committee. All the congregational agents within the bounds of that Classis were entertained at a supper conference, March 1. The enthusiasm and zeal manifested by this splendid group bespeak larger and constantly growing lists of readers, and set an example which may well be emulated in other sections of the Church.

Because of the intensive circulation operations on Church Paper Day in 1935, a number of pastors asked to be excused this past year. A distressing number failed to make any response whatever to the challenge of Church Paper Day. For instance, not a single new subscription was enrolled from 4 good-sized Classes: East Pennsylvania, Wyoming, North Carolina and West New York.

Continuous sustained effort must be made to conserve our gains and to go forward.

Every pastor should realize that THE MESSENGER is the system of arteries and veins that carries the life-blood to the organs of the body, the Church. The life-blood itself is spiritual, but THE MESSENGER provides the system to distribute it. For this reason *a circulation cam-*

paign differs from all campaigns to raise money. Here is a significant word of testimony from one of our pastors whose congregation is grouped with those having the largest number of subscribers for the Church paper. "We are decidedly unfair when we deny our members the privilege of knowing THE MESSENGER and its merits. THE MESSENGER is proving a blessing to our families."

The future of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is wrapped up with the future of THE MESSENGER. If our members are to be a factor in making the new Church a constructive instrument in the hands of God for the accomplishment of His purposes, *they must know what the Evangelical and Reformed Church is doing and plans to do.* How can they expect to know this if they do not read the one official organ of the Church?

There can be no doubt that the next year or two will be the critical period in the history of our Church paper. This is the experience of all mergers. Therefore, Synodical and Classical Committees should by all means be continued and the campaign carried on in the fall with renewed energy. Remember this is not just "another campaign", but a crusade for righteousness to be considered as part and parcel of the Church program. A pastor should see THE MESSENGER as a supplement to every effort he puts forth in his Charge—an "assistant pastor." This campaign should be a fellowship of service where all gladly do their bit to undergird the task of THE MESSENGER, committed to it by the Church.

To refuse support to the campaign for subscriptions and readers will be to sidetrack the weekly visits of THE MESSENGER to the homes of the congregation.

In this case, just what are we to suggest to take THE MESSENGER'S place in these homes? Are we to substitute for the world-visioned paper those that din into our ears the call to "Buy American" and let the rest of the world "stew in its own juice?"

THE MESSENGER cannot do its God-given task successfully until it goes into the homes and becomes a household companion of our Christian families who are the backbone of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. To accomplish this, *pastors and Church officers must lead by precept and example.*

We petition Synod to urge the observance of Church Paper Day, October 17, 1937, and to endorse a campaign for circulation aiming at the securing of a total circulation of 50,000 per week.

WE WOULD FURTHER PETITION SYNOD TO

1. Reappoint the members of the Commission for the Promotion of THE MESSENGER for another year.
2. Request each President of Classis to appoint a Classical Committee at once, (we would suggest, if possible, the reappointment of the members of the committee who have helped us) and to forward the names and addresses of the committee to THE MESSENGER office.
3. Request each Classis to set aside a definite place on the fall program of the Classis when the Campaign Committee of Classis and the

Editor or Circulation Manager of THE MESSENGER can state their plans and make their appeal.

4. Request each Classis to authorize their Committee to make arrangements by which every congregation within the bounds of Classis is challenged to allow the Circulation Manager, or some person he and the Campaign Committee might suggest, an opportunity in the largest attended service of a Sunday agreed upon to present the values of and freely solicit subscriptions for THE MESSENGER.

5. Express its approval of the plan of THE MESSENGER and the various committees of Synod and Classes for a well-qualified MESSENGER agent in every congregation who should make the solicitation of subscriptions a constant Church activity, and adjure all pastors to make this appointment.

6. Request that pastors and delegate elders of the many congregations where few members see THE MESSENGER, be urged personally to supervise a weekly sale of the Church paper at 5 cents per copy.

We would further petition that, because the place of THE MESSENGER is too important in the Church to have its presentation excluded from the congregational program and in spite of the fact that there are many special days in the Church year, that Synod urge the Classes most emphatically to urge pastors and congregations to observe Church Paper Day sometime between Oct. 17, 1937 and Feb. 28, 1938, and conduct a campaign for subscriptions.

Let us all get together and make our people Church Paper conscious. Let us induce them to form the Church Paper habit. Then the battle for intelligent Church loyalty will be more than half won.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL S. LEINBACH, Editor.
GEORGE W. WAIDNER, Circulation Manager

Nebengesetze und Ständige Regeln der Synode des Nordwestens.

I. Beamten.

1. Präsident und Vizepräsident

Präsidentenwahl

a) Die **Wahl** des Präsidenten und Vizepräsidenten soll gleich nach der Eröffnung der Synode ohne vorherige Nomination stattfinden.

Wenn bei der ersten Abstimmung keiner eine Majorität aller Stimmen erhält, so sollen die **drei** Glieder, welche die höchsten Stimmenzahlen erhalten haben, die Kandidaten sein für das Präsidenten- und Vizepräsidentenamt.

Kandidaten

Erhält bei der zweiten Abstimmung einer die absolute Mehrheit der Stimmen, so ist derselbe erwählt als Präsident, und die beiden andern sind Kandidaten für das Vizepräsidentenamt.

Erhält bei der zweiten Abstimmung keiner eine absolute Mehrheit, so soll zwischen den **zweien**, welche die höchsten Stimmenzahlen erhalten haben, nochmals abgestimmt werden, und derjenige, welcher dann die höchste Stimmenzahl erhält, soll als Präsident und der andere als Vizepräsident erwählt sein.

Pflichten

b) Der Präsident soll nach den Ordnungsregeln der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten die Sitzungen der Synode leiten und trachten, die Geschäfte zu baldigem und gehörigem Abschluß zu bringen.

Vizepräsident

c) In Abwesenheit des Präsidenten oder wenn von dem Präsidenten dazu aufgefordert, soll der Vizepräsident die Pflichten des Präsidenten übernehmen.

2. Ständiger Schreiber.

Blaubuch

a) Der Ständige Schreiber soll die Berichte der Synodalbehörden und deren Schatzmeister-Berichte vor der Jahresversammlung der Synode in der Form eines „Blaubuches" drucken lassen und den Predigern und delegierten Aeltesten ein Exemplar zeitig zusenden. Das Blaubuch wird nicht mehr mit dem gedruckten Protokoll zusammengebunden werden.

Benachrichtigung

b) Den Vorsitzern der Ausschüsse, sowie den Spezial-Ausschüssen und einzelnen Personen, welche für die Synode im Laufe des Synodaljahres Arbeiten auszuführen und darüber zu berichten haben, soll der Ständige Schreiber zeitig Nachricht und alle einschlägigen Dokumente zukommen lassen.

Ebenso sollen diejenigen, welche auf das Programm der Synode gesetzt werden, schriftlich benachrichtigt werden.

Ueberweisung

c) Er soll die einlaufenden Schriftstücke, aus deren Inhalte deutlich hervorgeht, an welchen Ständigen Ausschuß sie gehören, dem betreffenden Ausschuß gleich durch den Korrespondierenden Schreiber überweisen.

Rel. Bericht veröffentlichen

d) Er soll den Religionsbericht und einen Auszug aus der Statistik in der Kirchenzeitung veröffentlichen.

Versendung der Protokolle e) Er soll die gedruckten Verhandlungen direkt vom Verlagshause versenden lassen. Jeder Prediger und Lizentiat soll je ein Exemplar erhalten und jede Gemeinde soll erhalten 1 Exemplar für den Geistlichen Rat und 1 Exemplar für den allgemeinen Kirchenrat.

Punkte für die Klassen f) Der Schreiber soll eine Zusammenstellung der an die Klassen überwiesenen Punkte machen und dem gedruckten Protokolle beifügen.

Schema für Parochialberichte Ständige Regeln g) Gleich dem Schema für Parochialberichte sollen auch die Ständigen Regeln, in ihrer letzten verbesserten Form, alljährlich dem Protokoll als Anhang beigefügt werden.

3. Schatzmeister.

Rechnungen a) Alle Rechnungen im Laufe des Synodaljahres, auch die für Reisekosten, Bewirtung von Behörden, Ausschüssen und dergleichen, sollen an den **Ständigen Schreiber** der Synode gesandt werden; derselbe soll ihre Richtigkeit bezeugen und sie an den Schatzmeister zur Auszahlung überweisen.

Kirchendiener b) Dem Kirchendiener der Gemeinde, in welcher die Synode tagt, soll eine Vergütung im Betrage von $10.00 ausbezahlt werden.

4. Korrespondierender Schreiber.

Korr. Schreiber Der Korrespondierende Schreiber soll die überwiesenen Dokumente oder Punkte aus Berichten nach Anweisung des Vorsitzers den Ausschüssen übermitteln.

Er soll Sorge tragen, daß etwaige gedruckte Berichte unter den anwesenden Gliedern verteilt werden.

Er soll solche Korrespondenz ausführen, welche von der Synode ihm übertragen wird.

5. Registrar.

Registration Das Registrationssystem soll stehende Regel der Synode sein, um das zeitraubende Verlesen der Namensliste zu vermeiden.

6. Archivar.

Archivar Der Archivar soll genau Buch führen über die Dokumente des Archivs und jedes Jahr der Synode darüber Bericht erstatten.

II. Exekutivbeamte.

Trustees a) Der Präsident, der Ständige Schreiber und der Schatzmeister sollen die Trustees der Synode sein.

Exekutive b) Dieselben sollen als „Exekutivbeamte“ verantwortlich sein für die Ausführung aller solcher Aufträge, welche die Synode ohne nähere Bestimmung ihren „Beamten“ überweist.

Geschäftsordnung c) Sie sollen für jede Sitzung ein Programm zur Erledigung der Geschäfte ausarbeiten (Geschäftsordnung) und dem Blaubuche einverleiben.

Gottesdienstprogramm d) **Sie sollen mit dem Pastor und Aeltesten der Gemeinde, wo sich die Synode versammelt, als Ausschuß für** Gottesdienste dienen, und die Redner und Themata für die Morgenandachten und Gottesdienste bestimmen, es sei denn, daß die Synode selber andere Bestimmungen trifft.

Ausschuß für Regeln

e) Die „Exekutivbeamten", zusammen mit dem Hilfsschreiber und Registrar, sollen als Ausschuß für Regeln, das Verzeichnis der Ständigen Regeln, alljährlich, den etwaigen Veränderungen seitens der Synode entsprechend, korrigieren und im Blaubuche veröffentlichen.

III. Regeln für Synodalbehörden.

Behördeberichte

Jede Synodalbehörde soll ihren Jahresbericht, zusammen mit einem übersichtlichem Finanzberichte, rechtzeitig an das Verlagshaus einsenden, damit diese Berichte in den Blaubüchern der Synoden veröffentlicht werden können.

IV. Regeln für die Ausschüsse.

Ernennung der Ausschüsse

1. Folgende Ausschüsse sollen stets vom Präsidenten ein Jahr im voraus ernannt werden:—Religion und Statistik, Synodalverhandlungen und Klassikalverhandlungen. Die Exekutivbeamten bilden den Ausschuß für Gottesdienste, nach Regel II, d.

Vorsitzer der Ausschüsse

2. Sechs (6) Wochen vor der Jahressitzung der Synode soll der Präsident, soweit solches tunlich ist, die Vorsitzer der Ständigen Ausschüsse ernennen.

Der jeweilige Präsident soll stets Vorsitzer des Ausschusses für Religion und Statistik sein; der Ständige Schreiber soll stets Vorsitzer des Ausschusses für Synodalverhandlungen sein, und der Registrar soll stets Vorsitzer des Ausschusses für Entschuldigungen sein.

Berichte im Allgemeinen

3. Die Berichte aller Ausschüsse sollen möglichst kurz, klar und unzweideutig abgefaßt und deutlich geschrieben sein, und der Synode in der Form übergeben werden, in welcher sie gedruckt werden sollen.

Jeder Ausschuß soll angeben, welche Dokumente oder Punkte ihm überwiesen worden sind.

Es soll nicht angegeben werden, welcher Behördeglieder Dienstzeit abgelaufen ist, da die Behörden selber solches berichten.

Ueberhaupt soll jede unnötige Wiederholung vermieden werden und jede Empfehlung deutlich angegeben sein.

Entschuldigung

4. Alle Entschuldigungsgesuche sollen angeben, aus welcher Klassis sie kommen. Solche Glieder, die wegen Missionsfesten oder Predigen abwesend sind, sollen nicht entschuldigt werden, es sei denn, sie werden von der Synode geschickt. „Der Ausschuß für Gottesdienste soll in seinem Berichte keine Empfehlungen für Nachbargemeinden machen, die nicht in unmittelbarer Nähe des Versammlungsortes der Synode liegen. Gemeinden unserer eigenen Benennung, welche Predigtdienste seitens der Synode am Synodalsonntage wünschen, sollen sich diesbezüglich vor der Sitzung der Synode an den betreffenden Ausschuß wenden.

Finanzen

5. Der Ausschuß für Finanzen soll jährlich in der Berechnung der Umlage eine Summe von ¼ Cent per Glied einschließen zur Schaffung eines Kassenbestandes, bis ein Kassenbestand von $2500.00 vorhanden ist.

Ebenso soll jährlich eine Auflage von ½ Cent per Glied für das Gehalt des Hafenmissionars gemacht werden.

Klassikalverhandlungen

6. Der Ausschuß für Klassikalverhandlungen ist angewiesen, die Beschlüsse der Synode mit den Handlungen der Klassen zu vergleichen und zu berichten, ob die Klassen die Beschlüsse der Synode ausgeführt haben.

Der Ausschuß soll seinen Bericht im Triplikat vorlegen, damit die einzelnen Punkte, welche bekanntlich an andere Ausschüsse verwiesen werden, durch den Korrespondierenden Schreiber gleich überreicht werden können.

Meilengelder und Reisevergütung

7. Der Ausschuß für Meilengelder soll gleich nach Empfang der Ansprüche für Reisevergütung, seinen Bericht anfertigen und einreichen, damit derselbe dem Ausschuß für Finanzen überwiesen werden kann.

a) Die Präsidenten oder Superintendenten solcher Anstalten und Editoren solcher Kirchenzeitungen, welche von der Synode, allein oder in Gemeinschaft mit andern Synoden, geeignet oder kontrolliert werden, sollen das Vorrecht haben, den Versammlungen aller der beteiligten Synoden beizuwohnen, und die betreffenden Anstalten sollen ihre Reisekosten bezahlen.

b) Der Ausschuß für Reisevergütung soll ohne Ausnahme, in jedem Falle, die Reisevergütung nach der Meilenzahl einen Weg, und zwar nach der kürezesten Route berechnen, sowohl für Delegaten, welche per Automobil reisen, als für solche, welche per Eisenbahn reisen. In dieser Berechnung soll sich der Ausschuß nach den neuesten Karten richten.

c) Die Reisevergütung für Delegaten, welche per Eisenbahn reisen, beträgt 4.8 Cts. pro Meile für Prediger, und 7.2 Cts. pro Meile für Aelteste, es sei denn, daß weniger bezahlt wurde. Muß ein Delegat höhere Eisenbahnraten bezahlen, so soll der Ausschuß für jeden einzelnen Fall der Synode besondere Empfehlungen machen.

d) Die Reisevergütung für Delegaten, welche per Automobil reisen, soll berechnet werden wie folgt: — Reist ein Delegat allein, so soll seine Reisevergütung 4.8 Cts. pro Meile betragen; reisen mehrere Delegaten als Gruppe zusammen, so soll die Reisevergütung betragen: 4.8 Cts. pro Meile für das erste Glied der Gruppe, und die Hälfte davon, 2.4 Cts. pro Meile, für jedes weitere Glied der Gruppe.

e) Reisevergütung soll nur solchen Delegaten ausbezahlt werden, deren Klassen die Synodalauflage **in voll** eingezahlt haben an den Schatzmeister der Synode. Auch soll keinem Gliede der Synode Reisevergütung gewährt werden, welches ohne Entschuldigung oder Genehmigung der Synode nicht allen Sitzungen der Synode bis zur endgültigen Vertagung beiwohnt.

f) Jedes Glied der Synode, welches Reisevergütung beansprucht, muß seine Ansprüche (Meilenzahl usw.) vor Schluß des zweiten Sitzungstages beim Registrar einreichen. Versäumt es dies zu tun, so hat es keinen Anspruch auf Reisevergütung. Diese Regeln sollen bei der Eröffnung der Synode verlesen werden.

g) Solchen Gliedern anderer Synoden, welche von dieser Synode eingeladen werden, auf dem Programm der Synode zu dienen, sollen ihre Reisekosten von der Synode vergütet werden.

Nominationen 8. Der Ausschuß für Nominationen soll für die Wahl von Behördegliedern neben dem austretenden Glied noch zwei Kandidaten vorschlagen.

Aelteste, die nicht im aktiven Dienst sind, sind nicht wählbar (Art. 56) in Behörden oder als Delegaten zur Synode.

Es soll eine absolute Mehrheit aller abgegebenen Stimmen erforderlich sein zur Erwählung eines Kandidaten. Erhält keiner eine solche Mehrheit, dann soll eine Stichwahl gehalten werden zwischen den zweien der Kandidaten, welche die höchste Stimmenzahl erhalten haben.

Ratgebende Glieder 9. Der Ausschuß für ratgebende Glieder soll angewiesen sein, je und je die Namen der anwesenden ratgebenden Glieder oder anzuerkennenden Personen, dem Präsidenten einzureichen, damit dieselben vom Präsidenten anerkannt werden mögen.

√. Regeln für die Ständigen Schreiber der Klassen.

1. Abschriften der Klassikalprotokolle.

Format a) Für alle Abschriften der Protokolle soll das vom Schreiber der Synode erhältliche Papier gebraucht werden. Die Bogen sollen geheftet und mit Seitenzahlen versehen werden.

Ordnung des Inhalts b) Der Inhalt soll nach Art und Weise des Synodalprotokolls geordnet werden. Jeder Artikel soll auf einem neuen Blatt begonnen werden, die verschiedenen Abschnitte mit deutlichen Ueberschriften versehen und so übersichtlich als möglich gemacht werden.

Randbemerkungen c) Der Hauptinhalt eines jeden Abschnitts soll am Rande kurz angedeutet werden.

Inhaltsverzeichnis d) Jedem Abschnitt eines Protokolls soll ein möglichst ausführliches und genaues Inhaltsverzeichnis beigefügt werden.

Abkürzungen und Wiederholungen e) Nur allgemein gebräuchliche Abkürzungen sind statthaft. Alle andern Abkürzungen, sowie alle unnötigen Wiederholungen, sollen als tadelnswerte Dinge gerügt werden.

Adressen f) In der Angabe der Beamten der Klassis sollen auch deren Adressen angegeben werden. Ebenso sollen in der amtlichen Gliederliste, bei Predigern und delegierten Aeltesten, primarii und secundi, deren Adressen angegeben werden.

Anwesende g) Bei der Angabe der Anwesenden soll gehörig unterschieden werden zwischen Gliedern, ratgebenden Gliedern und Gästen der Klassen.

Gliederliste und delegierte Aelteste h) Da nach Art. 67 der Kirchenordnung, die zur Klassis delegierten Aeltesten, primarii und secundi, auch Delegaten zu einer allgemeinen Synode sind, so sollen die Klassen dafür sorgen, daß ihre Gliederlisten möglichst genau und vollständig eingesandt werden.

Nicht gehörig beglaubigte Delegaten haben weder Sitz noch Stimme, noch Anspruch auf Reisevergütung.

Ort und Zeit der Sitzung i) Bei Angabe von Ort und Zeit der nächsten Klassikalversammlungen soll die größte Genauigkeit beobachtet werden.

Statistik j) In allen Klassen sollen gleichförmig die von der Generalsynode angenommenen Formulare für Statistik gebraucht werden.

Beglaubigung k) Sämtliche Dokumente der Klassen an die Synode sollen gehörig beglaubigt, d. h. mit Unterschrift und Siegel versehen sein.

Religionsberichte l) Die klassikalen Religionsberichte sollen nicht die einzelnen Gemeinden anführen, sondern nur, nach dem Schema der Parochialberichte, einen Ueberblick über das geistige Leben u. s. w. in der Klassis geben, sodaß die Präsidenten der Synode und Generalsynode in den Stand gesetzt werden, gleichfalls einen entsprechenden Religionsbericht auszuarbeiten.

2. Einsendung der Protokolle und andrer Dokumente.

Wohin zu senden a) Alle Abschriften der Protokolle oder Berichte für die Synode sind mindestens sechs (6) Wochen vor der Sitzung einzusenden an den Ständigen Schreiber, und von ihm den betreffenden Ausschüssen zuzustellen.

Erziehungsbericht u. S. S. Statistik b) Der Bericht über Erziehung und die Sonntagsschul-Statistik soll gleich nach der Jahressitzung eingesandt werden, weil die Erziehungsbehörde dieselben nötig hat zu ihrer Arbeit.

Gliederliste c) Die Gliederliste soll spätestens bis zum 1. Juli eingesandt werden, damit die Blaubücher zeitig versandt werden können.

Statistik d) Die statistischen Berichte der Klassen sollen genau dieselben Angaben enthalten, welche an den Ständigen Schreiber der Generalsynode berichtet werden. Wenn in den Berichten an die Generalsynode Korrekturen gemacht werden, so sollen solche auch sofort an den Schreiber der Synode berichtet werden.

VI. Andere Regeln und Gebräuche.

Berichterstattung über Gaben für Wohltätigkeit 1. Inbezug auf Berichterstattung über die Gaben für Wohltätigkeit:—(Statistik der Generalsynode)

Die Gaben für Kirchbaufonds, Hafenmission und Indianermission sollen in der Rubrik **Einheimische Mission** mitgezählt werden; die Gaben für Waisenhaus, Missionshaus, Sonntagsschul- und Erziehungsbehörden, sollen in der Rubrik **Erziehung** mitgezählt werden.

Jede Gemeinde soll ihre Gaben einsenden unter dem Namen der Pfarrstelle, **wie in der Statistik der Klassis angegeben, und soll auch den Namen der Klassis beifügen.**

Tagesordnungen 2. Allen Vertretern der Behörden soll am zweiten Sitzungstage (d. h. also am Mittwoch, wenn sich die Synode am Dienstag abend zur Eröffnung versammelt) Gelegenheit gegeben werden, zur Synode zu reden. Die Zeit soll der Präsident bestimmen.

Registrationsgebühr 3. Künftighin soll jeder Delegat zur Synode, welcher den Sitzungen zeitweilig oder während der ganzen Zeit der Synode beiwohnt, $1.00 für Beköstigung beitragen. Dieser Betrag soll bei der Registration entrichtet werden. (1933.)

Aenderung der Regeln 4. Diese Regeln mögen verändert, verbessert oder widerrufen werden bei irgend einer regelmäßigen Sitzung der Synode, durch eine Mehrheit der anwesenden und stimmenden Glieder.